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Some at Bethlehem's Manger Square yesterday afternoon: a Patriarch Msgr. Joseph James Beltritti (center, with clasped hands) leads the procession in prayer. To his immediate left is the mayor, Mr. Elias Freij. To Msgr. Beltritti's immediate right is Aluf S. Malka, and to his right is Bethlehem military governor Gen. S. M. M. (wearing a beret) is the head of the Bethlehem area police, Sgt. Nitzav Gvati. (Stories on Page 2)

Rafah region centre gets Cabinet approval

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Cabinet decided yesterday to set up a regional centre in the Rafah area, to provide services to the new villages in the region. The Israeli army units in the area will be reduced to a garrison of 350 men. The regional centre will be located in the town of Rafah, about 10 miles from the Gaza Strip. The centre will be headed by a military governor, and will be responsible for the administration of the area. The Cabinet also approved a plan to build a new road through the Rafah area, which will improve access to the region. The plan was approved by a majority of 11 to 7.

Israel to close Niger, Brazzaville embassies

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel is to close its embassies in Niger and Congo-Brazzaville and reduce its representation to those two countries to the level of non-resident ambassador (to Niger) and non-resident charge d'affaires (to Congo). The news came in a statement from the Foreign Ministry spokesman released in Jerusalem yesterday. The statement said the changes were part of a reappraisal of Israel's diplomatic representation abroad. At the same time the statement noted that Israel was opening a number of new embassies and consulates around the world. In Haiti, an embassy would soon be established; until now Israel has had a non-resident ambassador accredited to Haiti. Israel also intended to set up embassies in Bolivia and New Zealand instead of the non-resident ambassadors who have been accredited until now.

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Mrs. Meir going to Paris

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Premier Golda Meir told the Cabinet yesterday that she planned to go to Paris in January for the meeting of the Socialist International. (She is deputy chairman of the International.) Mrs. Meir said she had attended previous Socialist International gatherings in Vienna and Rome, and she hoped she would have the opportunity to meet other Prime Ministers and party chiefs, during her stay of two or three days in the French capital. The Cabinet communique gave no details of Mrs. Meir's schedule in Paris, nor did it mention the dates of her visit. But she is sure to use the visit for bilateral talks with her opposite numbers about Middle East problems. However, there was no knowledge in Jerusalem last night of meetings with any French Government leaders. Relations between this country and France, which have been greatly strained since 1967 by the arms embargo and France's pro-Arab actions and declarations, may not make such meetings possible from Israel's point of view. If Mrs. Meir does meet any French Ministers, she would be taking the risk, theoretically, that this stop could be exploited in the French election campaign in which the ruling Gaullists may seek a share of the Jewish vote.

MANAGUA BEING EVACUATED Nicaraguan quake toll increases to 12,000



Aha Toukan, as she was pictured on Jordan TV last night, when it was announced that the 24-year-old Palestinian beauty was married yesterday to King Hussein, a few days after his divorce from English-born Princess Muna. (Weiss)

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI). — The Nicaraguan government ordered all survivors evacuated from Managua's smoldering ruins yesterday as new earth tremors shook through the Central American city. Rescue workers buried in mass graves hundreds of people killed in Saturday's earthquakes. The first official estimate of dead was 10,000 to 12,000. However, Nicaragua's ambassador in London yesterday put the death toll the earthquake took at 20,000, twice as high as other reports received from the area. The ambassador, Mr. Ricardo Paredes, said he had also received reports that some 50,000 people were injured. Tremors shook the city centre early yesterday morning and then late in the afternoon, nearly 36 hours after the first of several earthquakes toppled buildings and sent thousands fleeing in panic. At least 200 tremors had been felt by early yesterday morning. Thousands were believed dead in the rubble and about 500 bodies were hurriedly placed in mass graves by army troops. The government declared a state of emergency and imposed martial law to deal with the panic. Thousands of people jammed all available means of transportation in a mass exodus to the countryside. Officials estimated that about 90 per cent of the buildings in the capital were damaged or demolished. An army colonel estimated the property damage would reach \$2,000m. All the principal buildings in the city were damaged, including the presidential palace, part of which broke away and slid into a lake. The city continued without lights or drinking water and rescue officials feared a typhoid epidemic, caused by the decomposition of the many bodies still buried under the tons of debris that was once downtown Managua. The temperature reached 34 degrees Centigrade yesterday. The city looked like a ghost town early yesterday. Army patrols on the streets to prevent looting, had orders to shoot on sight anyone they caught stealing from the wreckage. The exodus from the city was complicated by lack of transport. Commercial public transportation was available, but the refugees had to pay. No government transport was available and the government radio appealed to citizens with cars to help in the evacuation. The evacuees from this city of 300,000 headed for provincial cities where they hoped to find safety on the higher ground. There was still no telephone communications connecting Managua with the rest of the world and the only commercial link with the outside was through a satellite ground station outside Managua.

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CHILD VICTIMS
Many of the dead appeared to be children who were trapped by falling debris. Temporary hospitals were set on highways leading from the city as those abandoning their ruined homes passed by helping injured relatives or mourning the dead left behind. Relief poured in from North and South America and Europe by air. One reason given on government radio for the evacuation was possible contamination of the drinking water. Fires continued to burn in the city but the government said they were under control. Thousands of bodies, to be buried in common graves, were lined up on the banks of Lake Managua. There were few caskets available and sometimes as many as three people, men, women and children mixed, were buried in the same casket. The Red Cross said it would open common graves immediately because the tropical climate of Managua would speed decomposition and increase the danger of typhoid and tetanus for the survivors. Yesterday, many dead still lay on the streets and bulldozers were plowing through the rubble. Units of the national guard were called in from the countryside to help in the grim task of opening common graves, trying to identify the dead, and bury them. Many of the buildings still standing are so badly damaged that even rescue workers were afraid to enter. The U.S. army sent a demolition team with 2,000 lbs. of explosives into Managua to blast dangerous structures. Col. Jose Abregot, leader of the (Continued page 4, col. 1)

Egyptian storm troops graduate

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt's War Minister, General Ahmed Ismail, yesterday watched military exercises and attended a graduation ceremony of new storm troops, it was announced here. General Ismail, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces, urged the men to continue training in preparation for the "ultimate liberation of Arab territories occupied by Israel." He had spent two days inspecting the northern sector of the Suez Canal front. Meanwhile, Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad sent out invitations yesterday to Arab foreign and defence ministers and chiefs of staff to meet in Cairo on January 27 to consider plans of unified action against Israel, political sources said.

Norwegian P.M. on private visit

LOD AIRPORT. — Norwegian Prime Minister Lars Korvald arrived by SAS yesterday on a private Christmas holiday, accompanied by his wife and two children. Although officials stressed that the visit was strictly private, a meeting has been arranged for tomorrow between Mr. Korvald and Prime Minister Golda Meir. Mr. Korvald told reporters on arrival here that he had no particular topic to raise with Mrs. Meir. "This is my first visit here. My country is good friends with Israel, about which we learn so much from the time we are children. Therefore we are happy to be here, and hope that we will enjoy ourselves," said Mr. Korvald. (Times)

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Israel sends aid to Managua

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Israel yesterday dispatched 50 kilos of medical supplies to Nicaragua as a first consignment of aid for the victims of the earthquake. The consignment was sent with a Nicaraguan student who cut short his course in Israel to return to his devastated home town of Managua. Israel's ambassador to Costa Rica, Yosef Nervo, wired the Foreign Ministry yesterday that the Israelis in Nicaragua were all safe.

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COLD TO CONTINUE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The cold wave will continue today with below-zero temperatures, the weatherman said yesterday. The forecast for today is clear and dry with the possibility of frost in most parts of the country except for the coastal strip. On Saturday night the lowest temperatures recorded were minus 2 degrees Centigrade on the Golan Heights and in the Hula Valley. The cold wave has hit the whole East Mediterranean area, as a result of an influx of dry and cold air from Turkey and Russia. Ashlan Ben-Yaacov, director of the Produce Marketing Board, told The Jerusalem Post that he had not yet received any complaints from farmers concerning the frost. He explained that frost damage will not be visible for another few days, but he foresaw no shortage of vegetables this week because of the cold weather. Conflicting reports, however, came in from Jordan Valley farmers, who said part of their banana crops were ruined. David Ghossein, director of Israel's Insurance Fund Against Natural Risks said all produce that may be damaged by the frost is insured. No damage has been reported from the country's growers either. It seems that the only "casualties" so far have been some fresh-water fish and a few banana trees (for that story see page 9). Farmers can call 05-921068 and 066-25223 to receive information on what to do to combat frost and low-freezing weather from the Ministry of Agriculture telephone frost service. The service said last night that temperatures in the low-lying areas of Kfar Saba were expected to reach minus 5.5 degrees early this morning and in Netal Alexander, minus four. Temperatures in both areas were already below zero last night. The service advised farmers to water their plants immediately and to heat low-lying groves.

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10,000 brave cold to hear Xmas mass in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM — Thousands of people huddled last night here in near-zero weather as Christmas Eve celebrations reached their climax. Pilgrims continued to flock to Manger Square throughout the evening, leaving flocks of buses and smaller vehicles in parking lots extending from the centre of town to the southern outskirts linking Bethlehem with Jerusalem. Braving the biting cold, pilgrims came wrapped in thick coats and blankets. Manger Square itself did not look as crowded as in past years, although tourist circles said that over 10,000 pilgrims converged on Bethlehem, for the Christmas Eve celebrations. The bulk of the crowd stood at the western edge of Manger Square surrounding a stage on which 17 local and foreign choirs were featured this year. One of the highlights of the night's ceremonies was Mayor Elias Freij's presentation of the Freedom of the City to visiting Apollo-15 astronaut James Irwin, "the first astronaut ever to visit this town." About 11 p.m. the crowd's attention turned to the nearby Basilica of the Nativity, inside which services were being held at St. Catherine's church prior to the midnight mass, officiated over by the Latin Patri-

arch, Mgr. Joseph James Beltritti. The church service was transmitted to the outside world by Israel Television via satellite, and to Manger Square through a closed-circuit TV. Entry into Bethlehem was permitted only to those bearing special passes. The town had been closed for regular traffic all day, and security checkpoints were set up on the main entrances to the town. Security forces were seen patrolling the main square and roads, some taking positions on roof tops surrounding Manger Square. Security circles said that the celebrations passed with no incidents except for a quarrel between two local inhabitants, who were both detained for questioning. Earlier in the afternoon, Mgr. Beltritti, arrived in brilliant sunshine at Manger Square in the traditional procession from Jerusalem. The Square, hung with decorations, had a gay, fair-like atmosphere, enhanced by street vendors selling hot chestnuts and shawarmas. Local residents and foreign tourists lined the final few hundred metres of the procession route. In front of the police station, beside a decorated Christmas tree, the Israel Police Band and the Bethlehem Municipal Band took turns serenading the crowd. As the cars bearing the Latin Patri-

arch, Mgr. Joseph James Beltritti and escort drew up, two long lines of choir boys and priests were waiting to greet him. Mgr. Beltritti was handed a crimson cap on a silver platter. After donning this and an ermine cape, he set off in procession for the Basilica, flanked by Mayor Elias Freij and the Military Governor of Bethlehem, Sgan-Alur S. Malka. The Latin Patriarch had come to Bethlehem from his headquarters in the Old City of Jerusalem. His Basilica had set out on the 10 km. drive from the Jaffa Gate, where scores of Jerusalemites and pilgrims had gathered to watch. The patriarch appeared sitting in a black Mercedes, preceded by two police motorcycles and a sedan car and followed by a three-car convoy which in turn was tailed by a Border Police jeep mounted with a machinegun. Before reaching Manger Square, the Patriarch's conveyer stopped twice on the Jerusalem Bethlehem road, at Mar Elias monastery and at Rachel's Tomb, where he was greeted by the area representatives. At the monastery on the outskirts of Bethlehem, the Patriarch's car was flanked by five mounted policemen bearing banners on lances. The Scandinavian Seamen's church in Haifa and Ashdod are holding morning and afternoon services today and tomorrow to suit the successive arrivals of ships at the two ports. In the Haifa church, at 43 Rehov Hagafen, a service will be held at 10.30 this evening, and at Ashdod at 7.30 this evening. Last night, services were held by Pastor Fer Faye-Hansen at 7.30 p.m. at the church attended by members of the crew of the Norwegian freighter "Chemical River". The Tiberias municipality gave a Christmas reception last night at the Hartman Hotel for the U.N. observer corps and their families.



Jerusalem girl killed in road accident

A Jerusalem schoolgirl was killed crossing Sderot Herzl on Friday afternoon on her way home from the Yafa Not public school in the Beit Hakurim quarter. The police, who reported the accident yesterday, gave no further details, stating that the investigation was not yet complete. The girl was the third child to be killed on Jerusalem roads within a week. The accident occurred shortly after the release of a report criticizing road conditions in the Capital. The report, issued by the Jerusalem branch of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents, accused building contractors for endangering traffic by leaving materials on sidewalks and in roadways. It also takes municipal authorities and the police to task for failing to enforce regulations designed to avoid such hazards. (See 'Slow and Sloppy,' page 9)

NETANYA CRASH

Meanwhile, the names of the persons killed and injured in the collision between an Egged bus and an army Carmel sedan in Netanyahu on Saturday night were released yesterday. The dead was Saron Dov Ziv, 32, of Netanyahu, his two-year-old daughter, Hila; and his father-in-law, Dov Steinberg, 60. Seriously injured were Steinberg's wife, Bruna, and another daughter of Ziv, Shlomit. Their ages were not given. All five had been riding in the sedan. Only one passenger of the Egged bus was hurt, not seriously: Hanna Zilkens, 33, of Bat Yam. The accident occurred at the intersection of Yehuda, Hanassi and Borochov streets in Netanyahu. Witnesses say the bus dragged the wrecked car 50 metres before it stopped. The bus driver was released after questioning.

Social and Personal

M. Eugene Kramon, president of Majer, a New York firm, visited the Weizmann Institute yesterday and was received by the acting president, Prof. Israel Dostrowsky, and Prof. Michael Feldman. Participants in two scientific conferences — one on biomembranes, the other on digital systems — both being held under the auspices of the National Council for Research and Development, had lunch at the Weizmann Institute yesterday with Professors M. Sela, S. Ruhman, Z. Riesel, N. Sharon and Dr. I. Gilman.

The weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club scheduled for Thursday (December 28) at Z.O.A. House will not take place; instead, there will be a meeting of five Rotary clubs in the area tomorrow (Tuesday) at the new Pan-American Hotel in Bat Yam at 9.00 p.m. Col James Irwin, the Apollo-15 astronaut, will be the guest speaker.

ARRIVALS

Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, president of Tel Aviv University, from New York, where he attended an international conference on relativistic astrophysics (by El Al). Victor Carter, Los Angeles businessman and president of Friends of Tel Aviv University in the U.S. for a short visit.

3,000 PILGRIMS IN NAZARETH

Jerusalem Post Reporter NAZARETH — Over 3,000 overseas visitors observed Christmas in this town yesterday, the largest number of holiday pilgrims here since the establishment of the State. Midnight mass at the Church of the Annunciation — one of the largest churches in the Middle East — was attended by about 1,500. Several hundred Jewish visitors were also in the city and strolled through the decorated streets. At a reception at the Cultural Centre, attended by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, Mayor Seif e-Din Zouabi called on the leaders of the world to promote peace between Israel and the Arab states.

TAMBA VILLAGE

In Western Galilee is the site of a cultural and sports centre opened yesterday. The centre, financed by the Ministry of Education and Culture and housed in a school building, is the first of its type in an Arab village.

No need for Gov't intervention

Ben-Aharon balks at Almogi's labour proposal

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon implicitly warned Labour Minister Josef Almogi yesterday not to push for his proposed Labour Relations Institute. Mr. Almogi had proposed setting up a body where Government, Histadrut and employers would get together to discuss improving labour relations. Winding up discussion on the next Histadrut budget at a meeting of the Histadrut Executive here yesterday, Mr. Ben-Aharon balked at the idea of making the Government a party to all wage agreements. "In a democratic society labour relations are determined by agreements between free employers and free employees," he said. "There is no need for new institutions to regulate labour relations," he declared, adding, "The workers already have an organization of their own — the Histadrut." On recent strikes called despite lack of Histadrut support, Mr. Ben-Aharon said the workers should realize that strikes can only be declared by the elected Histadrut bodies. "Private initiative in striking can only impair the Histadrut's image," he said, answering a Raich motion that the Histadrut support wildcat strikers. On inflation, the Histadrut head said that in mid-January, when data on current price rises are known, the Histadrut Executive will hold a special session to decide on its policies. The Executive yesterday voted down no-confidence motions from Gahal and several small factions. For the Histadrut's 1973 budget, the Executive approved by a majority vote a figure of IL\$4,402,000 — some IL\$m. more than that for the

Panthers to run for Knesset

The Black Panthers will run their own list in next year's Knesset election, "to fight for liquidation of poverty and the social gap by democratic means," Israel Radio reported last night. This was decided by the organization's first general meeting, held last night in Jerusalem. A majority of the 100 delegates attending the meeting voted for the resolution to set up a list for the Knesset.

Begin designates Landau to Weizman's former job

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Herut chairman Menachem Begin will appoint his closest aide, Haim Landau, M.K., as the next Herut Party Executive Chairman. This post was vacated by Ezer Weizman when he resigned last Thursday at the end of the Herut Convention. Mr. Begin, in his capacity as chairman of the Herut Central Committee, has convened that body for next Sunday evening to elect new Executive officers. He announced his candidate was Mr. Landau, with Party Secretary Eitan Livni to be acting Executive chairman. The vice-chairman's post will go to Yitzhak Shamir, a former I.L.H.Y. commander. As one Begin loyalist put it, "Begin has finally united I.L.H. and I.H.Y. (two different pre-State undergrounds)." By this move, Mr. Begin wished to make it known that the argument with the Weizman supporters was at an end. Begin supporters also charged that Weizman's statements in weekend newspaper interviews had widened the rift beyond repair. This drastic step of the party chairman came as a blow to all

those in Herut and the Liberal Party who had hoped that Mr. Begin would rise above his role as the leader of one faction and seek a conciliation with the Weizman faction. Mr. Weizman declined to comment on the latest development last night. Liberal Party chairman Elimelech Rimalid yesterday reiterated that his group would not intervene in the present crisis besetting Herut. He was sure the two Gahal partners would contest the forthcoming elections in "a united fashion." He dismissed as "ridiculous" the comment of Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin that "Gahal's pretensions to provide an alternative government have gone up in smoke." (See earlier Liberal Party story, page 3)

CABINET CLARIFIES: Allon's peace proposals were 'personal views'

Jerusalem Post Reporter Deputy Premier Yigal Allon's proposals for negotiations on the Middle East crisis — as given to the U.N. press recently — were solely an expression of his personal views, the Cabinet clarified yesterday. (Mr. Allon had told journalists in Washington — in the cut-and-thrust of a press conference — that in the proximity talks about an interim solution to the dispute between Israel and Egypt, under U.S. auspices, the parties would also be able to discuss an overall Middle East peace, simultaneously.) Premier Meir said at yesterday's Cabinet session that it was still official Israeli policy to negotiate with Egypt about an overall solution. After the Egyptian President proposed a partial arrangement to reopen the Suez Canal, Israel agreed to discuss that idea too. As before, she said, Israel is still ready to discuss each of these two possibilities. She inferred quite clearly that the Cabinet had not decided to discuss them simultaneously — as might have been understood from Mr. Allon's remarks in Washington. Cabinet sources yesterday circulated a long and unusually detailed report of what was purported to be Mr. Allon's explanation at yesterday's Cabinet meeting about his Washington remarks. Mr. Allon reportedly chided the press for contradictory versions of his remarks, and stressed that he never discussed the idea of simultaneous negotiations with Secretary of State William Rogers. One Washington reporter at the press conference had plugged the Egyptian line that Israel only wanted an interim arrangement so as to get out of an overall settlement, and that it would seek to make the interim arrangement permanent. To rebut this, he said, he sought to make it clear at the conference that Israel's willingness for an overall solution with Egypt was beyond all doubt. He then added — as his personal

Celebrations in Peking

By JAMES PRINGLE PEKING (Reuters). — Foreign residents in Peking joined Chinese Christians last night and early today in the first Christmas services here for six years. Carols were sung, some in English and some — including "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "The First Noel" — in Chinese.

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Warning on excessive control over research

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter Dr. Avram Weinberg, head of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the U.S., warned yesterday against an excessively centralized control of applied scientific research in Israel. He was speaking prior to a reception given by Prime Minister Golda Meir, at the Knesset — in honour of the first series of Israel Scientific Research Conferences. These are small scientific get-togethers on practical problems, based on discussion rather than formal papers. They comprise generally about 50 scientists, including ten leading figures from abroad. Sponsored by Israel's National Council of Research and Development, the first three took place

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NOTABLES

The luncheon was attended by several high-ranking military and civil government officials and scores of Arab notables representing the Bethlehem district, in addition to a number of foreign diplomats. Mr. Wilson who arrived for the luncheon at the local Family Union Club in the company of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, paid tribute to Mayor Freij's efforts to promote the peace message of Bethlehem while attempting to revive its religious and historic reputation. Amid applause, Mr. Wilson gave the floor to another distinguished guest, U.S. Lt.-Col. James Irwin, the moon-walking Apollo-15 astro-

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naut, who presented Mr. Freij with a colour picture of the Apollo-15 men landing on the moon. (See Irwin photo, next page.) Mayor Freij read in Arabic Christmas greetings which expressed hope that peace "based on justice and law" would still prevail between the Arabs and Jews. He appealed to the parties involved in the Middle East conflict to show good will towards settling the crisis. Mr. Freij said that Israel was aware of the fact that local Arabs wanted peace. He added that all they wanted was realization of the "internationally recognized right for self-determination within the framework of U.N. Security Council resolution 242."

Jerusalem gets Stradivarius

By DAVID GROSS Jerusalem Post Reporter The City of Jerusalem was yesterday presented with a 1743 Stradivarius violin. Henryk Szeryng, the Polish-born Mexican violinist, gave his instrument last night at a festive concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in aid of the Soldiers Welfare Association. In honour of the City of David, he named it the "King David Stradivarius." The violin, he said, is to be kept by the IPO for use by outstanding Israeli violinists. A packed hall heard Szeryng play three double violin concerti — by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Bach (together with Uri Plianska), Sholom Roni-Riklis conducted. It was held under the patronage and in the presence of the Prime Minister. Others present included the Mexican Ambassador, Mrs. Rosario Castel-Hanos; Mrs. Dolores Carrigo, special envoy of the Mexican Government, and the O.C. Central Command, Aluf Behavam Ze'evi.

Our beloved PAULA SAMOLEWITZ (née Wagner) has died.

The funeral will take place at the Anglican Cemetery, Jaffa, on December 26, 1972, at 3 p.m. Maria Zlatiner (née Samolewitz) and Zlatiner Family, Ramat Hasharon Wagner and Walter Families, Germany and France

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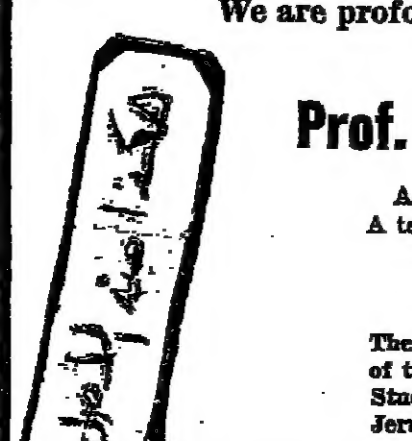
Express their deepest sympathy to their senior Vice-President, Mr. E. Balaban, and his family on the death of his beloved wife

KLARA BALABAN

The Rabbinical Assembly in Israel expresses its deep sorrow at the death in New York of our beloved teacher Prof. JOSHUA HESCHEL and extends sincerest sympathy to his family

We are profoundly saddened by the sudden death of our beloved teacher Prof. JOSHUA HESCHEL A master of the word and of the deed. A teacher of Torah and a lover of mankind. May his memory be a blessing יהי זכרו ברוך The Administration, Faculty and Students of the JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA Student Centre, Neve Schechter, Jerusalem.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA JERUSALEM Subscription Concert No. 4, Series No. 1 will take place Wednesday, December 27, at 8.30 p.m. at Binyanei Ha'ooma.



No eggs to be had? Use powder, public is advised

56 Jews on hunger strike in U.S.S.R.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Egg powder — a commodity that Israelis hoped they would see the last of after the early period of the market — is back on the market. A reason for its reappearance is current egg shortage, felt mainly in several areas in the North and Jerusalem.

be enough eggs for everyone in another 10 to 14 days. (A chicken farmer in the Jerusalem area told The Post he believed the current cold spell, combined with the seasonal moulting period of hens, was responsible for the shortage. A planning error in calculating this year's quotas for farmers was not ruled out.)

Meanwhile, Tuva salesmen have been trying to persuade large institutions — such as kibbutzim, wedding caterers and bakeries — to substitute egg powder for eggs.

Egg powder is manufactured at a factory in Kiryat Gat, normally for export only. The price is 11.11 per kilo. One kilo of egg powder is equivalent in food value to 80 eggs, experts say.

H.U. profs on partial strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Professors and senior lecturers at the Hebrew University started a partial strike against the University administration yesterday, to press their demand for "research increments" amounting to 25 per cent of regular salaries. The professors are giving their lectures, but refuse to attend meetings or do student counselling, it was learned yesterday.

The professors base their claim on the 25-per cent "research increment" they claim is automatically paid to all Technion professors regardless of whether they engage in research. But administration officials claim the Technion only pays the increase to those who actually work in the Technion's research and development institute.

Efforts to equalize the salaries and working conditions of university staffs have been going on for some time. Only last week an agreement between representatives of the professors and the Hebrew University was finalized this week, it was learned.

Pupil-teacher fight ends in law suit — pupil loses

TEL AVIV. — A teacher who sued the Hebrew University for a broken arm for which he was acquitted of assault charges in Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The teacher, Moshe Lasser, had been defending himself in the 12-year-old pupil tried to throw a bench at him, the judge ruled.

The incident happened in June, when Lasser was teaching art at Yeha Eizari school in Jaffa. He told the boy to leave after disturbing the lesson, but instead of leaving the boy took his shoe and threw it at the teacher. When the pupil tried to run away, Lasser grabbed him and broke his arm.

The court yesterday Judge Meir Dan accepted Lasser's contention that it had not been a push, and that the boy had just his balance and fallen. The judge described Lasser's act as reasonable self-defence. He ruled the broken arm was "an unfortunate accident over which teacher had no control."

laifa dockers back to work

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The 450 temporary dockers here went back to work yesterday morning, after striking for a week to back their demand for better status. They agreed to a 10 per cent wage increase after the Labour Council at Tel Aviv discussed their demands yesterday.

The return of the men, the long strike into high gear. A total of 70 work gangs are trying to make up the work caused by the strike and the rats, which also disrupted port operations. Dockers were still out yesterday waiting their

2-hour strike at Nahal Sorek nuclear centre

BEERSHEBA. — The non-scientific staff of the Nuclear Research Centre in Dimona held a two-hour warning strike yesterday to voice their protest against the management's alleged refusal to let their representatives have a say in decisions on wages and grades.

The workers decided to request a meeting with Prime Minister Golda Meir to discuss the "deteriorating" labour relations at the Centre. They claim the management has ignored a Histadrut recommendation that a parity committee of workers and management be set up to determine job gradings.

The works committee served notice 15 days ago of a labour dispute, but the Histadrut Trade Union Department reportedly opposes any work stoppage.

Ministers want continued control of publicity funds

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Individual Government ministries will continue to handle their own information and publicity budgets instead of having them coordinated by a supreme Ministerial committee. This was the consensus yesterday in the Cabinet when it discussed streamlining information services.

The discussion was based on a proposal drafted by Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon and the Finance Minister several months ago. They did not seek a vote on it yesterday, with the tacit understanding of Premier Golda Meir.

It was decided that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir would draft a new proposal regarding the measure of streamlining and coordination which most Ministers felt was workable. He will circulate this draft among the Ministers prior to the next Cabinet discussion.

Materials shortage blamed for high housing costs

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Even worse than the scarcity of skilled building workers is the shortage of building materials, a leading union official said here yesterday. The rising cost of housing is a direct result of the delays in building schedules, caused in turn by the shortage of materials, the official said.

Mr. Amster said that in January 1972, 68,000 dwelling units were under construction. In July, the number rose to 72,500. "If we could build a flat in one year instead of 18 months, the pressure of demand would almost disappear," he said.

Only a small number of skilled building workers earn wages in excess of the accepted wage schedule, Mr. Amster said. Wages rose by 28 per cent from December 1970 to August 1972; they will rise by another five per cent in April 1973, plus another five per cent in social benefits, he said.

Haim Flecker, honorary president of the Union, said he deplored the fact that the Government had "abandoned" the establishment of a building advisory council, apparently for fear of having to establish public control over the building trade.

British suspect cleared in French forgery case

LOD AIRPORT. — Jamie Bloom, a 22-year-old Englishman who was detained here last week in connection with the discovery of forged French drivers' and car licences on the m.v. Dan in Marseilles earlier this month, left for home on Friday after being cleared of all suspicion.

"Tim" learns that Bloom was released after undergoing a lie detector test.

"I must have aroused the police's suspicion because I forgot to notify the ship I wasn't returning on board," he told reporters before leaving for London.

He explained to the police that he and a girl companion had left the ship in Naples and did not return because he became ill and decided to continue his trip to Israel by plane.



U.S. astronaut James Irwin, who travelled to the moon in Apollo-15, tries out a somewhat more primitive mode of transport on a visit to Mt. Zion yesterday. (Israel Sun)

A vote for Gahal's future

Liberals shelve support for electoral reform

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Liberal Party Central Committee yesterday bowed to the veto of Herut leader Menachem Begin and shelved their support for electoral reform.

The Liberals' concern at Gahal's prospects in the face of the deepening rift in Herut was averted informally, but was not spelled out in the Committee's deliberations.

The Liberal's reasons for abandoning their decade-old commitment to reforming the Knesset electoral system were stated by party chairman Elimelech Rinalt and Executive Chairman Simcha Erlich. Dr. Rinalt explained that the Liberals wished to remove obstacles to improving relations with their Herut partners in Gahal. Mr. Erlich said the Liberal Party Convention had adopted two resolutions — keeping Gahal intact and pressing for electoral reform. They had proven contradictory, and the Liberals had opted for Gahal.

Mr. Erlich charged that the tabling of the electoral reform bill by the Labour Party at present was only aimed at shattering Gahal unity.

Here Mr. Erlich complained about what he called "the political intervention" of Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yehayahu on behalf of the Labour Party. He charged that the Knesset Speaker had broken with the political tradition fashioned by his predecessors by asking the chairman of

Cabinet won't lower minimum employment age

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Cabinet yesterday turned down a proposal to lower the minimum employment age in certain cases from 18 to 15 years. The Cabinet was discussing the text of a draft amendment to the Juvenile Employment Law, presented for consideration by Labour Minister Yoest Almoni.

Mr. Almoni said the manpower shortage in certain branches of the economy, particularly the hotel trade, would justify a change in the law, enabling 15-year-olds to work in hotels — provided that special training facilities were also arranged to teach them the skills on the job.

Most ministers, however, felt that a lowering of the working-age "floor" would go counter to the general trend to raise the "ceiling" for compulsory education as high as possible. (At present the ceiling is 15 years, but the Education Ministry would like to raise it to 18.)

Also in the Cabinet yesterday, Mr. Almoni said plans to take high schoolers to help in the citrus harvest — as the Cabinet had decided in October — had not yet been put into effect. The Labour Minister said there were difficulties with exam schedules, curricula and Gedca (Youth Corps) training schedules. The Cabinet decided that the ad hoc inter-ministerial committee set up to channel manpower to the citrus harvest would have to find a solution to the problems.

Fulbright seen softening stand on Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright has moderated his hard line on Israel to the extent that he would now allow Israel to keep Latrun and a small slice of the Golan Heights.

But the Senator, who has just completed a new book on U.S. foreign policy, repeats his support for an imposed Middle East settlement.

The chapter on the Middle East in Senator Fulbright's new book, "The Crippled Giant," generally repeats the denunciations of Israel's "lack of flexibility" which he made in his speech of August 23, 1970. But when the Senator then demanded that Israel withdraw from all the territories she won in the Six Day War, he now seems to have softened a bit on Latrun and the Golan.

As it would be unreasonable to expect Israel to vacate all of the Golan, Fulbright now says, he proposes what he terms a "defensible boundary" there. This would leave Israel a strip of land close to the Jordan Valley and give the rest — the bulk — of the Heights back to Syria.

On the West Bank, Fulbright would let Israel keep only the Latrun salient.

The Senator repeats his call for an imposed settlement in the absence of progress toward peace. "We should not shrink from applying certain sanctions as a last resort for the removal of a chronic threat to the peace," he writes, adding his old proposal for a U.S.-Israel agreement which would guarantee Israel's independence within the pre-1967 boundaries. This arrangement would be in addition to admitting to any Herut dictation in shelving the electoral reform scheme.

'Do-it-yourself' wrecking operation starts at Rafah

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — Refugees whose homes are earmarked for demolition at the Rafah refugee camp yesterday started wrecking the houses themselves — even before the bulldozers were due to arrive. They were collecting bricks and other materials to be used in building additional rooms onto their new homes, in a newly constructed suburb nearby.

The move is part of a massive "do-it-yourself" operation of all the refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, which will reduce the camp population by about one-half. Those families whose homes are to be torn down to make room for wide roadways are being given alternative (government) housing near the camps under easy terms.

The Rafah camp — the largest in the Gaza Strip — currently has a population of some 40,000 — about 20 per cent of the total refugee population in the Gaza Strip. (The total population of the Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai, including refugees but excluding Beduin, was 357,500 at the end of 1968. By last July the population had grown to 388,600.)

According to Unrwa figures, some 40,000 refugees left the area for neighbouring Arab countries between the Six Day War and July 1968.

The thinning-out operation started at the end of August 1971. At that time a total of 1,807 houses were

Woman, 110, dies in blaze

ROSH PINA. — A woman said to have been 110 years old was burned to death Saturday night when her hut, in Kfar Tuba, near here, was consumed in a blaze.

It is believed that the woman's mattress caught fire from a coal stove she had placed next to her bed before going to sleep. Her name was not given.

She is survived by scores of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Teacher fined, for failing to report Fatah

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH. — A former school-teacher was given a one-year suspended sentence here on Friday, and fined 111,000 for failing to tell the authorities about a Fatah cell which he had refused to join.

Mohamed Ahmed Zeidan, 27, had learned in the middle of 1970 that a local lawyer, Abdul Malik Dahmasha, and another man were recruiting Israeli Arabs into a Fatah sabotage cell. Asked to join himself, he refused but did not report the group to the authorities.

(Damasha was later sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by a military tribunal in Lydda.)

Magistrate's Court Judge Elias T. Kteily said the fact that the teacher had been dismissed from his job was perhaps a more severe punishment than the fine and suspended sentence.

A 112,000 FINE was imposed in Beersheba Magistrate's Court yesterday on the Tuv Ta'am bakery, after insects and other foreign bodies were found in loaves of its bread. The Yakhin company of Fatah Tikva was fined 119,000 for mould found in a bottle of grapefruit juice.

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Cairo editor says Heykal advocates surrender policy

CAIRO (UPI). — The editor of "Al-Ahram" newspaper yesterday accused his "Al-Ahram" counterpart, Mohammed Hassanein Heykal, of sabotaging national morale and advocating surrender to Israel.

Referring to Heykal's latest series of articles on the Middle East crisis, editor Mousa Sabry said: "The pen that writes represents a trend to accept surrender. It is an attempt in open daylight to destroy the morale of the fighting men on the war front and to smash the spirit of the tolling masses backing their heroes who are standing on the battlefield."

Sabry did not mention Heykal by name but cited the title of his series and the views he expressed in them. Heykal's series, under the

heading "A drift toward a new era," argued that Egypt cannot fight Israel single-handed, that a pan-Arab effort is necessary and possible but that it has not materialized in recent months because Egypt failed to propose a detailed strategy.

Sabry said yesterday that since Egypt's "irrevocable decision" has been military confrontation and preparation for war, "any word that does not conform to the supreme interest of the state is more serious than the crime of conspiracy in the material sense."

It was Sabry's second attack on Heykal in three days. In an article on Friday he described Heykal as a prophet of doom and said he was "preaching defeat and spreading despair, restlessness and scepticism."

Sabry's attack has created surprise in diplomatic circles in view of Heykal's long-standing privileged position as a presidential confidant and unofficial spokesman for the government both under the late President Nasser and under President Anwar Sadat.

Sabry said the danger in Heykal's articles "lies in the fact that his pen has built its existence on suggestions to the masses that he is the official mouthpiece of the state and the man who knows the inside stuff and who even participates in policy making for the present and future."

"How can a fighter be convinced of the aim for which to sacrifice his life while he reads material by a responsible pen to the effect that victory is impossible," Sabry said.

He said Heykal was using the present liberalization programme under President Sadat and was exploiting the people and his earlier privileged position "as though he has eternal immunity permitting him to reach the people and sabotage their spirits."



This radiophoto issued by the North Vietnamese news agency on Sunday has caption saying that Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, North Vietnam Vice-Premier and Defence Minister (who was claimed to have been killed in a bomb blast in Haiphong on Friday) is seen visiting on Friday the 77th Missile Unit defending Hanoi which was said to have downed three B52s in a single night. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. bombing halt

(Continued from page 1) ing. Officials said the AC-119 carries a crew of between 10 to 15.

The Command said five crewmen aboard the B-52 were rescued in Laos after the bomber was hit by Communist fire over North Vietnam on Thursday and went down in Laos. It said the remainder of the crew is missing, but would not give the specific number, which would be one or two. B-52s are known to carry a crew of six to seven men.

North Vietnam denied on Saturday that its Defence Minister, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, had been killed in Haiphong on Friday and said the report "is a product of the psychological war" of the U.S. and South Vietnam.

The U.S. Command and the South Vietnamese Command in Saigon had no comment on the report.

South Vietnamese intelligence sources had said they intercepted a North Vietnamese radio message reporting the death of Giap. They said he was killed on Friday in an explosion during an inspection of U.S. bomb damage in Hanoi.

The residents of Saigon had their brightest Christmas in years. Midnight Mass in the Kingdom-of-the-Saints Cathedral was set for 9 p.m. because of the 11 p.m. curfew and fireworks were banned. But shops and black-market stands were crammed with a greater assortment of toys and gifts than in several years.

Christmas trees were being sold fast and residents said more stores than ever before were decorated for Christmas in the Saigon area.

There was good news for some of South Vietnam's convicts. President Nguyen Van Thieu yesterday

ordered the release of 88 criminals serving prison terms and commuted the sentences of 187 others. No political prisoners were freed.

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HUSSEIN WEDS THIRD TIME

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter King Hussein of Jordan yesterday married Alla Toukan, daughter of a Jordanian Palestinian diplomat who is a member of the prominent Toukan family, most of whom live in Nabulus on the West Bank. In an official statement broadcast by Amman radio last night, the new bride was proclaimed Queen Alla al-Husseini.

The announcement said that Hussein had "earlier" divorced his British-born wife Muna, nee Antoinette (Tony) Avril Gardner, whom he married in May, 1961, after a romance which rocked Jordan's political establishment.

Despite the fact that Hussein's marriage to Alla Toukan, who becomes 34 today, had been rumored for some time, last night's announcement came as a surprise. Only last week, Hussein himself denied the rumors, saying he had no intention of marrying again.

The announcement said that Hussein's wedding to Alla Toukan — often called "Jordan's beauty" — took place at 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon in Amman in a simple ceremony attended by Hussein's brothers, the Princes Hassan and Mohammed, Prime Minister Ahmed Lajay and a handful of political and military associates. Hussein's mother, Zein, who had held the official title of Queen, was conspicuously absent.

After the half-hour ceremony performed before Sheikh Saleh Muhtaseb, religious judge of Amman, — the couple cut a wedding cake and then left on their honeymoon with Hussein at the wheel of a Mercedes.

Their destination was not disclosed, but it probably was the port of Akaba as both are avid water-skiers. It was after a water skiing show early last month that rumors of the royal romance began.

Yesterday's wedding was the third for the 37-year-old King. In April, 1955, he married a distant relative, Dina Abdul-Hamid, an Egyptian national, who was two years older than he. Three years later, the marriage broke up after the birth of a daughter, Alla, amid reports that

the university-educated Dina disturbed her husband by her interference in state politics.

In May, 1961, the King married Miss Gardner, whom he met in Amman while her father, a British army colonel, served in the Jordanian army as an advisor. Although she became a Moslem, Hussein's second marriage split Jordan at the time and was widely criticized in several Arab states. In an emotional speech over Amman Radio, Hussein explained that the wife he had chosen was the girl of his dreams who had cured his loneliness. Muna bore Hussein two sons, Abdullah, now 10, and Faisal, 9, and twin daughters, Ayseeh and Zein, aged three. Some years ago King Hussein abdicated the right of succession on behalf of his sons.

Muna, who was first referred to as her "Gracious Ladyship" and later given the title of Princess, was seen on Friday night on Amman TV heading a public festival in her official capacity. Reports from Amman yesterday said that following her divorce she will receive a pension from Hussein but there was no mention of the future of the four children. No source could reach Muna for comment last night.

Jordan's new Queen is described as slim, of medium-height, with long blonde hair and green eyes. Her photo was flashed on Amman TV last night. She was born on December 23, 1948, in Cairo, and is said to hold degrees in economics and social psychology from Hunter University in New York.

Hussein's latest marriage is likely to lead to repercussions in all the various political circles. Some Jordanians may welcome Hussein's divorce from his British-born wife, but others may oppose his marriage to a Palestinian girl who, if she bore a son, would strip Hussein's brother Hassan of his place as Crown Prince.

However, an East Jerusalem notable said last night that the marriage would strengthen Jordanian-Palestinian links, which both Hussein and his brothers wish to promote.

New Syrian Cabinet

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Arab Ba'ath Socialists dominated the new Syrian cabinet announced by Vice-President Mahmoud al-Ayoubi early yesterday.

The Ba'athists took 16 posts in the 80-man Cabinet under Mr. Ayoubi and retained the three key portfolios at the Foreign, Interior and Defence Ministries.

The new Cabinet succeeds that of the outgoing Premier, Major-General Abdel-Rahman Khleifawi, who resigned on Thursday.

General Khleifawi underwent an operation in London five months ago, but his health is reported to have deteriorated recently.

There was no change in the political composition of the new government. In addition to the 16 Ba'athists there are two Communists, six Socialist Unionist and

pro-Egyptian Arab Socialist union members and one Socialist Arab. The remaining five are Progressive Independents.

A presidential decree forming 38-year-old Mr. Ayoubi's Cabinet was issued before dawn.

Nine new members joined the Cabinet. Among them are Mr. Hafez al-Jamal, who was previously ambassador to Italy, Dr. Maadani al-Kayum, dean of the school of medicine at the Damascus university, Dr. Ali Hasehem, a university professor, and Mr. Abdullah al-Khand, who served as deputy Foreign Minister in the outgoing government.

They replace eight members dropped from the government, while the ninth, Health Minister Dr. Mahmoud Sa'adah, died in a road accident in Malaysia in November.

Lebanon, E. Germany exchange ambassadors

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Lebanon and East Germany have decided to establish diplomatic relations on an ambassadorial level with immediate effect, according to a joint communique published here and in East Berlin yesterday.

The communique said: "In order to organize and strengthen the current relations between their two countries, the governments of Lebanon and the Democratic Republic of Germany have decided to establish immediately diplomatic relations and exchange diplomatic representatives at ambassadorial level."

The U.S. Command and the South Vietnamese Command in Saigon had no comment on the report.

South Vietnamese intelligence sources had said they intercepted a North Vietnamese radio message reporting the death of Giap. They said he was killed on Friday in an explosion during an inspection of U.S. bomb damage in Hanoi.

The residents of Saigon had their brightest Christmas in years. Midnight Mass in the Kingdom-of-the-Saints Cathedral was set for 9 p.m. because of the 11 p.m. curfew and fireworks were banned. But shops and black-market stands were crammed with a greater assortment of toys and gifts than in several years.

Christmas trees were being sold fast and residents said more stores than ever before were decorated for Christmas in the Saigon area.

There was good news for some of South Vietnam's convicts. President Nguyen Van Thieu yesterday



Firemen in Managua, search for survivors yesterday in rubble of buildings destroyed by earthquake. (AP radiophoto)

Managua earthquake

(Continued from page 1) Nicaraguan army corps of engineers, put the death toll at "10,000 to 12,000."

Alagret said that 100 prisoners in the city jail were killed when the building collapsed on them.

U.S. relief teams rushed emergency equipment and medical supplies into Managua.

Under direction from President Nixon, the U.S. southern command based in the Canal Zone and the U.S. Readiness Command in Tampa, Florida, directed relief flights to the stricken city. Portable hospitals also were under orders to fly to Managua on special relief flights yesterday.

The State Department said planes would be available during the day to transport the estimated 3,000 American citizens who were caught in the capital when the quakes struck.

The American millionaire industrialist, Howard Hughes, was in the city's Intercontinental Hotel when the quakes struck, but was reported to have survived without injury.

Reports from the scene painted a grim picture. One man described the city as looking like "a World War II city at the end of the war." He said it seemed like "the end of the world."

Mexican relief pilots praised the heroism of an unknown young Nicaraguan who, they said, risked his life to get control tower equipment at Managua's Las Mercedes airport back in action.

The control tower was in danger of collapse, but the young man had managed to install himself in the top story and was directing the landing and take-off of mercy aircraft, they said.

Hospitals throughout Central America were standing by to cope with an influx of injured refugees from Managua, until Saturday a pleasant open city on the shores of Lake Managua, surrounded by the cones of extinct volcanoes.

Most of the buildings were modern, built since 1931, when Managua was previously flattened by an earthquake.

Red Cross chief Gomez Andino said the city was now "a picture of total devastation and some 90 per cent of its buildings, both public and private, have been razed."

"Many buildings partly destroyed or badly damaged up to midday yesterday are still collapsing from further, though less serious, tremors, which are terrifying those people left alive."

Jordan plans to pardon 150 prisoners

AMMAN (Reuters). — The Jordanian authorities plan to pardon nearly 150 prisoners, and commute death sentences on several other death month, well-informed sources said here yesterday.

Press reports described as completely false reports that it was planned to execute several people sentenced to death for various crimes.

They added that death sentences in Jordan had so far been carried out only against four people, who had pleaded guilty to premeditated murder.

Egypt air chief in Kuwait for military talks

KUWAIT (Reuters). — Egypt's air force chief, General Husni Mubarak, had talks here yesterday with Kuwait's defence minister, Sheikh Abdullah, and the armed forces chief, General Sheikh Mubarak al-Abdullah.

Official sources said they discussed military cooperation between the two countries.

The Egyptian general arrived here on Saturday unannounced, with four other top air force officers, and will stay in Kuwait for three days.

Observers saw his visit as a follow-up to this month's conference of Arab chiefs of staff in Cairo and the visit to Kuwait — and other Gulf centres — by the Egyptian Prime Minister, Dr. Aziz Sidky.

The Saudi Arabian defence minister, Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, flew home on Saturday after a week in Kuwait discussing "the Arab world's confrontation with Israel."

CHARLES ATLAS DIES AT 80

LONG BEACH, New York (AP). — Charles Atlas, the 89-lb. weakling who built himself into a famous bodybuilder and told how to do it to millions of others, died on Saturday after a long illness. He was 80.

Beginning in 1922, Atlas offered his secrets in a body-building correspondence course. Advertisements became staples in comic books and popular magazines. Born Angelo Siciliano in Azzit, Italy, Atlas was the son of a farmer. The family came to New York in 1904.

In a 1970 interview, Atlas explained his claim to be able to turn a weakling into a strongman was based on a real incident that cost him his girlfriend on a beach. He was 15 at the time.

Determined to prevent any future beach humiliations, the young Atlas went to a man who operated a community centre in Brooklyn and was encouraged to start body-building exercises.

Atlas, who adopted the name after he was told he resembled a statue of the Greek world-warrior, developed his own system of "dynamic tension," which formed the basis of his correspondence course. Selection as the "world's most perfectly developed man" in 1922 and 1923 helped Atlas come to public attention, and there were such stunts as pulling a string of six cars a mile.

Atlas said more than seven million customers had bought his course as of 1970 — when it was still selling for the original \$30. He had grossed \$210m, he said, adding "I have made a comfortable living, but I am not a millionaire."

At 77, Atlas told the interviewer he was still doing 50 kneebends, 100 situps and 200 to 300 pushups a day. He had a 17-inch neck, a 47-inch chest, a 34-inch waist and 15 1/2-inch biceps.

Hawaii quake rattles the dishes

HONOLULU (UPI). — A major earthquake rattled dishes, flipped over tables and shook fences on Saturday in the Hawaiian Islands, officials said.

The Honolulu Observatory said the tremors registered between 5 and 6 on the Richter scale. Officials said it was not associated with the Nicaraguan quake.

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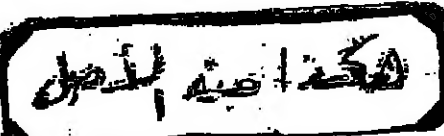
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Pope makes appeal for peace in Vietnam on Christmas Eve

LITCAN CITY (UPI). — Pope Paul VI told a Christmas Eve audience today he approached the holiday with a saddened heart because no peace agreement in Vietnam was the fifth time in a week the pope appealed for peace and the first time he specifically mentioned the delayed peace agreement in Vietnam and increased hostility.

Christmas Eve, but with a heavy heart. The lack of peace in Vietnam, North and South, has been a passion of the entire pope, the Pope said in a speech from St. Peter's Square. "We must at Christmas that the expectations of us all not become delusions. We refuse to surrender to naive optimism when we still affirm that peace is possible," the Pope said.

But always possible for good will who know how to overcome ideological objections. Once again we put our hope in the wisdom of men and in the

help of God," the Pope said.

The Pontiff cautioned against "the vain faith in the force of arms, external interferences and the egoist calculations of political and economic interests" which were harming peace efforts.

In his speech the Pope also expressed sorrow for the killing earthquake in Nicaragua and said, "As we can, we collaborate in aid operations."

"This will not be a sad Christmas," the Pope said. "It will be a Christmas of more intense participation in human affairs."

The Pope has referred to the Vietnam war and the failure of the latest peace efforts in each of his past three weekly noon blessing speeches in St. Peter's Square. He also touched on the subject at his weekly general audience. On Friday the Pope criticized the interruption of the peace talks and the resumption of heavy bombing of North Vietnam, saying the motives were not "sufficiently apparent," in his

annual speech to the College of Cardinals.

Breaking with tradition for the third time during his nine-year Pontificate, the Pope last night left the Vatican to celebrate Midnight Mass among Italy's working classes.

This time he went some 50 kms. north to Rome to be with about 1,000 construction workers digging a tunnel for a high-speed railway which will eventually link Rome with Milan.

His televised Midnight Mass at Sant'Oreste was relayed directly via satellite to most of North and South America as well as to many other nations.

Taiwan call for ties with Israel

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

TAIPEI — A leading Taiwan legislator said here yesterday there is no reason why Israel and Taiwan should not establish some level of formal relations.

Mr. Jen-chiao Hsieh, chairman of the industrial parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee, pointed to Israel's recognition of South Vietnam and said Taiwan's status as an independent nation is at least as consolidated as Saigon's. He noted that all the points made by Foreign Minister Abba Eban in the Knesset explaining Israel's recognition of Saigon applied no less to Taipei.

Mr. Hsieh, who stressed he was speaking in a private capacity, recalled in an interview that his Government while a member of the U.N. had a steady record of support for Israel's right to independence and security. This sympathy extended to the popular level, he added, with Taiwan's press and other media consistently expressing sympathy and admiration for Israel's struggle.

"We would not succumb to Arab threats," he said. Mr. Hsieh said "formal relations" between Israel and Taiwan need not necessarily imply diplomatic relations but could develop from

"people to people" contacts at various levels. The U.S., the legislator pointed out, is continuing to maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan regardless of President Richard Nixon's visit to Peking. Washington was also pledged to continue its programme of assistance to Taiwan and to honour its defence commitments.

Informed sources in Hongkong estimate that America now maintains approximately 10,000 military personnel in Taiwan whose functions include manning and operating two air bases on the island.

The legislator predicted that Japan, despite recognition of Peking, also will maintain formal relations with Taipei. "We still have joint Government-appointed organizations in Taipei and Kaohsiung dealing with economic, cultural and consular affairs," he emphasized. Kaohsiung, in the south of the island, is Taiwan's second largest city.

Mr. Hsieh said that the U.S. bid to have both China represented at the U.N. failed by a narrow 59-54 margin. Despite the outcome of the vote, he added, Taiwan still has diplomatic relations with more than 40 nations.

American woman married to Soviet citizen Asks Congress on Soviet ransom tax

MOSCOW (UPI). — An American woman married to a Soviet Jewish citizen said yesterday she has appealed to American Congressmen to help her husband leave the Soviet Union without paying a required \$9,600 emigration tax.

Mrs. Laurette Hansen Malchik, 29, a Fort Benton, Montana, native and recently resident in Seattle, said in a telephone interview from Leningrad that the appeal was relayed to the legislators by the U.S. consulate here, her husband's home.

It was sent to Senators Edward Kennedy, Henry Jackson, George McGovern, Hubert Humphrey and Congressman Donald Fraser of Minnesota, all Democrats.

Mrs. Malchik said her husband, Alexander, a 27-year-old engineer, had been told he must pay \$,000 rubles (\$9,600) emigration tax and visa fee before he will be permitted to leave the country.

The two met in 1967 when she was an exchange student at Leningrad in 1971 and have a daughter, 22 months, born in the U.S.

Mrs. Malchik said she and her daughter have been living in Leningrad since December 18, 1971, and were scheduled to leave today when their one-year visitor's visa expired. But it has been extended until January 3 because the child has contracted a bronchial ailment and cannot travel.

"Soviet authorities misled us by telling us to apply for financial relief from the tax and telling my husband he would get a visa by December 18," she said. "Now they tell us there will be no relief."

"We have absolutely no way of affording the funds. There is no way I can work and care for the child."

Mrs. Malchik said she must return to Seattle by January 15 if she wants to finish her dissertation at the University of Washington, where she was a graduate student and teacher prior to coming here.

She said she would not be able to unless her husband could leave with her.

"The Soviets have refused to take any look at the financial reality of the situation," she said. "I'm not anti-Soviet in my views, but am

U.S. diplomat in Cairo to U.S.

CAIRO (Reuters). — Joseph Greene, top U.S. diplomat in Cairo, leaves for the U.S. today and is expected to have talks with officials at the State Department.

A U.S. official here said the trip was a private one during which Mr. Greene is due to visit relatives in Florida, but he was also expected to visit the State Department before returning to Cairo.

The official declined to comment on reports from Washington that Mr. Greene will discuss relations between Egypt and the U.S. as well as the Middle East situation.

Bullet-proof vest in Belfast

FAST. — Santa Claus dropped a children's Christmas party yesterday — but there was a bullet-proof vest under his red suit.

Royal Avenue in the city centre a balloon popped on a Christmas tree and civilians ran for cover as two British soldiers swung rifles round anticipating a snipe.

Since yesterday reported a day in Northern Ireland for the time in at least a year. Belfast leaders said they expected a drop in the 1972 terrorist bombing campaign, said they had little to spare for fairy lights.

But the spirit was not there either. Although the shops reported the busiest Christmas for two years, there was little sign of gaiety among the grim-faced crowds on the seasonal buying spree. In the city centre, hundreds of troops were on duty searching every civilian, and testing every Christmas parcel, entering the narrow and much-bombed streets of the main shopping district.

A few soldiers were detached for special Christmas duty, including the officer in flowing red robes and a white beard who arrived at a children's party in a Protestant area by parachute from an army helicopter. "Ho, Ho, Ho," said the military Santa to a local radio reporter waiting on the ground. "I must be the only Father Christmas in a flak jacket." Army helicopters are a common target for IRA terrorists.

troubles" broke out in 1969, there was little attempt to create a "season of goodwill" feeling which few people were likely to share. Hardly a decoration brightened the capital's main shopping streets. Shopkeepers, bed hit by the drop in trade which followed the 1972 terrorist bombing campaign, said they had little to spare for fairy lights.

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West Berliners visit East for Christmas

WEST BERLIN (Reuters). — Thousands of West Berliners loaded with presents yesterday joined friends and relatives in East Berlin and East Germany for their first joint Christmas in seven years.

For Germans, the festival begins on Christmas Eve when trees are lit and presents exchanged as soon as darkness falls.

Police reported there were no delays at the wall and border checkpoints. But a big rush of visitors was not expected before today and Boxing Day, they said.

Under the four-power Berlin agreement, which came into effect in June, West Berliners can make one day visits to the East. More than 1.5 million such visits have been paid since then.

West Berlin authorities expect that hundreds of thousands of West Berliners will flock into the East over the holiday period, including the New Year.

Three get life for raping Indian girl, 16

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee (AP). — Three Chattanooga men were given life prison terms on Saturday after being found guilty of raping a 16-year-old girl from India.

The assault took place in a downtown Chattanooga street alley last May 31 after the girl and her 17-year-old husband, both born in India, had been forced by three men to drive their car off a main thoroughfare, police said.

The three men were joined by two other men in the alley and all five reportedly raped the young girl while her husband watched helplessly.

A Hamilton County criminal court jury returned guilty verdicts against William Bell, 21, Theodore Grant, 23, and Ronald Bennett, also 23. All three defendants denied any part in the rape.

Grant and Bell were identified through fingerprints on the couple's car, authorities said. Bell was picked from a police lineup. The other two men reportedly involved have not been found.

Authorities asked that the names of the couple not be released. The husband and wife reportedly suffered marital problems because of the rape. Indian custom dictates that a marriage be dissolved if the female spouse is violated.

Rhodesia forces kill, capture terrorists

SALISBURY (UPI). — Rhodesian security forces yesterday killed and captured several African national guerrillas operating in the border area of Centenary, an official statement said.

"As a result of successful police, army and air force operations this morning, a number of terrorists have been killed or captured," it said. "Our forces suffered no casualties and operations are continuing."

Units of the territorial forces were called up for emergency duty to assist in the conduct of current operations, particularly those relating to the protection of property and lives," a statement said.

Farms in the Centenary district were attacked on Thursday and again on Saturday. A farmer and two of his daughters were injured by rockets and gunfire and an army vehicle sent to investigate Saturday's incident was blown up by a land mine. Four soldiers riding in the vehicle were injured.

Numeri in South Sudan for Xmas

ADDIS ABABA (AP). — President J. Numeiri flew to the southern regional capital of Juba yesterday on a south regional government invitation to attend the first Christmas in the south since the banner of peace for 17 years.

Numeri will attend a religious mass and prayer ceremony at the end of the civil war which began in the south since August, 1955.

Sydney rules out candles as bushfires burn

SYDNEY (AP). — Traditional candlelight was banned, so an open air Christmas carol service yesterday went ahead in Sydney — in the dark.

The candlelight was ruled out under a complete fire ban imposed by the state government as bushfires raged through national park forests and a heatwave continued into its fifth successive day.

One bushfire stranded 1,000 Christmas vacationers in Burrinjuck in the Snowy Mountains. Firefighters evacuated campers from areas around the town.

In Victoria, fire brigade authorities reported a total of 49 bushfires. "There is no sign of a let up — either in the fires or the weather, which is turning the bush into a tinderbox," said a spokesman.

Chemical bombing, which helped to contain some of the major fires on Saturday, was resumed yesterday as gusty hot winds whipped up sparks and carried them over firebreaks. Aircraft were being used in some areas to drop food supplies to firefighters.

Temperatures in downtown Sydney reached 34° Centigrade during early afternoon. At inland Brewarrina the temperature touched 45° Centigrade.

Australia forms ties with China, East Germany

Australia on Friday joined the growing list of nations granting diplomatic recognition to Communist East Germany. The announcement in Berlin came the day after an Australian Embassy official in Paris said that Australia and China had agreed to establish diplomatic relations.

The official East German News Agency, ADN, reported that the decision of Australia and East Germany became effective immediately and they would consult further before deciding on the timing of an exchange of diplomatic representatives.

France Friday asked East Germany to open talks with a view to establishing normal diplomatic relations, the Foreign Ministry said.

A spokesman said Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann made the offer in a "communication" to his East German counterpart, Otto Winzer.

New Zealand's Labour Government announced in Wellington Friday it has negotiated terms with China for mutual recognition and the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Libya lifts flight ban on BOAC, Sabena

LONDON (Reuters). — The British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) said yesterday it has received new notification from Libya removing an overflying ban on aircraft heading for Southern Africa.

Belgium's national airline, Sabena, has also received similar notification from the Libyan government of the lifting of the ban, airport sources said here yesterday.

Libyan aviation authorities notified several European airlines on Friday that their flights to South Africa, Rhodesia and Portugal's African territories could no longer pass through Libyan airspace. The notice threatened reprisals to any airline breaking the ban.

BOAC rerouted its single daily flight to Johannesburg to pass over Egypt, slightly lengthening the travel time, and other airlines took similar measures.

A BOAC spokesman said yesterday that as a result of a new "Notam" — notice to airmen — from Libya, the airline was reverting to its normal routing over Libya with a stop in Nairobi.

Sabena has three return flights a week to Johannesburg and the first, today, will follow the normal route through Libyan airspace, sources said.

South Korean tanker sinks after crash

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — The 53,988-ton South Korean tanker Sea Star, abandoned and burning after a collision in the Gulf of Oman five days before, sank yesterday after a new explosion.

A Bahrain tug which had tried to take the tanker in tow signalled that the ship finally disappeared at 10.45 local time, nearly nine hours after a massive explosion in her cargo of crude oil sent the stern beneath the waves.

Anti-glutton war begins in Burma

COON (AP). — The Burmese government yesterday launched "Operation Zuzaka," an operation against gluttony, black bearing, smuggling and hoarding.

"Zuzaka" is the name of a very Buddhist glutton who ate to death and gluttons are returned to as Zuzakas.

Involved will now be arrested in a drastic action taken against gluttony. The number of arrests yesterday was not disclosed.

"Operation Zuzaka" will continue economic insurgents are expelled out, the sources said. The operation was led by rocketing consumer prices which have lately risen to 100 per cent.

Frontier Gandhi ends Indian exile

PESEHAWAR, Pakistan (AP). — Breaking an eight-year self-imposed exile, Badshah Khan Abdul Ghaffur Khan, symbol of non-violence and living symbol of nationhood for millions of Pathan tribesmen, rolled across the border from India yesterday sitting in a gold-upholstered armchair mounted on a truck.

His procession wound for more than four hours through the historic Khyber Pass which turned into what was its biggest traffic jam since Emperor Nadir Shah used elephants to carry the peacock throne and other loot from sacked Delhi into Persia two centuries ago.

Thousands of trucks, buses and private cars carrying tribesmen seeking a glimpse of the old man choked the 34-kilometre often precipitous pass.

At least one overloaded bus slipped off the side of the road down a modest three-metre high embankment, spilling dozens of tribesmen who had piled on the top. Authorities said at least six were killed and fifteen others injured.

'Time' Men of the Year: Nixon and Kissinger

NEW YORK (AP). "Time" magazine announced on Saturday that U.S. President Nixon and Henry Kissinger, his national security adviser, had been chosen as its "Men of the Year" for 1972.

Describing the pair as an "odd couple, an improbable partnership," the magazine said they were selected for the annual "Men of the Year" because "they have been changing the shape of the world, accomplishing the most profound rearrangement of the earth's political powers since the beginning of the cold war."

The cover of "Time's" January 1 issue shows the faces of Nixon and Kissinger carved in stone with the caption, "Triumph and trial."

"The classical policy that Kissinger and Nixon are practicing derives from perceptions of national interest that have dictated successful foreign policy in Europe for 500 years," the magazine said.

"For the President, Kissinger has been a combination of professor in residence, secret agent, ultimate advance man and philosopher prince."

"Time" said its choices were an "odd couple" because Nixon is the "champion of middle American virtues, a secretive, aloof yet old-fashioned politician given to oversimplified rhetoric" who has become a "surprisingly flexible, even unpredictable statesman."

"At his side is Kissinger, 49, a Bavarian-born Harvard professor of urbane and subtle intellect, a creature of Cambridge and Georgetown who cherishes a never entirely convincing reputation as an international bon vivant and superstar."

"Time" compared them to "Richard III and Louis XIII, Maternich and Hapsburg Emperor Francis I, Colonel House and Woodrow Wilson, Harry Hopkins and F.D.R. (Franklin D. Roosevelt)."

39 die in Norway crash

OSLO (UPI). — An investigation commission yesterday began its work on the scene of Norway's worst air disaster, 1972.

The death toll of the Fokker Friendship crash about 20 kms. west of Oslo on Saturday night rose to 39 yesterday, police said. Among the dead were four children.

The twin-engine plane, belonging to the Norwegian company Braathens S.A.F.E., carried 42 passengers and a crew of three.

It was on a domestic flight from Aalesund, on Norway's west coast, to Oslo with Christmas travellers when it ploughed into a forest in thick fog minutes before its scheduled landing at Fornebu airport at 4.40 p.m.

All passengers were Norwegians except one, a Dane, who survived, the airline said.

Witnesses at the crash scene said the plane was completely smashed to pieces and had clipped a row of trees before hitting the ground.

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The big thaw

The death of Stalin in 1953, followed by the arrest and execution of his grim security chief, Lavrenti Beria, brought a new era to the Soviet Union — the day of Nikita S. Khrushchev. In this seventh chapter of a series on his four decades as a Moscow correspondent, Henry Shapiro tells that story.



Khrushchev, his wife and children, photographed in 1963. (UPI)

MOSCOW (UPI). — With Josef Stalin dead and the overly ambitious Lavrenti Beria executed, 1954 ushered in for the Soviet Union what was in effect another Russian revolution.

Gradually the concentration camps were opened to disperse hundreds of thousands of political prisoners, some of whom had languished since the early 1930s.

During the later 1950s the lot of the peasantry was substantially improved by the cancellation of old debts, lowering the quotas for compulsory grain deliveries, increasing the fixed prices paid the farmers and pumping more consumer goods into the villages.

Material incentives for workers and farmers were raised.

The dread midnight knock at the door was done away with and arrests for "dangerous crimes against the state" were discontinued.

In foreign affairs an effort was made to normalize relations with the United States and other capitalist powers as well as Yugoslavia and all of Russia's neighbors.

Ilya Ehrenburg's novel "The Thaw" (which became the description of a new era), the first of a series of literary works, for the first time frankly described the evils of the Stalin era.

The literary magazine "Novy Mir" (New World), under the brilliant editorship of liberal poet Alexander Tvardovsky, discovered a constellation of poets and prose writers who brought on a remarkable revival culminating with the publication of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich." The latter was the first realistic description of a Stalin era concentration camp.

Voices of cultural dissent were apparently too loud, however, and grew too fast for First Secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev, who, obviously alarmed by the development, began cracking down with speeches against "mavericks" in late 1952 and early 1953.

The return to cultural orthodoxy, which was to be intensified under Khrushchev's successors, was dramatized by the late premier's quip against abstract painters: "A donkey with his tail in a ball of paint could do better than these abstractionists," Khrushchev pronounced, and ended all public display of modern art.

I missed two years of the "Soviet Thaw." I took my wife and daughter to America where I spent two years as a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, doing some writing and public lecturing.

When the Kremlin agreed to participate in the first post-war summit conference with President Eisenhower and the British and French Prime Ministers in July, 1955, United Press sent me to Geneva to cover that historic event.

From my transatlantic viewpoint, I had watched what appeared to be the zigzag of Soviet foreign policy reflecting strong disagreements between V.M. Molotov and Khrushchev.

German question

At the Berlin conference of foreign ministers which I had attended in February, 1954, it was clear the German question — "the problem of problems" — could not be immediately solved. The Molotov hardline which paralyzed the Western policy of "containment" and "rollback" of Communism, made agreement impossible.

Khrushchev at the time was arguing for a more flexible Soviet position only to be told off by Molotov at a Central Committee meeting. "Waging foreign policy is not so simple as raising corn," Nikita Sergeyevich, Molotov told him.

There was more hope at Geneva than Berlin. First direct contact between the West and post-Stalin leadership had been made and a dialogue was started which not only prevented a new world war but eventually led to East-West detente.

On a more human basis what struck me singularly was the free and easy movements of the Soviet delegation. The head was then Premier Bulganin and other members were Molotov and Marshal Georgi Zhukov.

The Russians walked and drove about Geneva in open cars, shopping and enjoying themselves without the army of bodyguards I had been accustomed to seeing in Moscow for years. By contrast, Eisenhower arrived in a closed car with his usual retinue of secret service men.

When European newsmen began making the inevitable, invidious comparisons between the informality of the Soviet leaders and Eisenhower's remoteness and his bodyguards, the U.S. President also began driving about in an open car.

After the first summit session I ran into Charles E. Bohlen whom I had not seen for two years. "Bulganin may be the leader of the Soviet delegation," the astute U.S. Ambassador to Moscow said, "but there is no mistaking Khrushchev. He is the boss."

I was to get confirmation of this the following year in London and later in Finland and elsewhere when I saw the ebullient Khrushchev upstage Bulganin either by interrupting him or insisting on a speech of his own in which he could say "I do not agree with my friend Bulganin."

Missteps

The friendship lasted until 1957 when Khrushchev made himself Prime Minister — one of the first of his missteps which led to his downfall in 1964.

At Geneva, Bohlen filled me in on changes in the Union since Stalin's death and new opportunities for coverage which had attracted more Western correspondents to Moscow than any time since the war. I was easily persuaded by the United Press to return to my Moscow post.

Leaving my family behind in Cambridge, Massachusetts, I arrived at Moscow's Leningradsky Station in the fall of 1955 where I was handed an invitation from the Canadian Embassy to reception for Foreign Minister Lester Pearson.

I could not believe my eyes when I got there and saw about half of the Presidium — Molotov, Anastas Mikoyan, Georgi Malenkov, Lazar Kaganovich and others — chatting, drinking and joking with foreign diplomats.

It was a scene that could have occurred only in the early Lenin era. In the long Stalin epoch Soviet leaders had become impersonal, faceless and invisible.

Khrushchev had already stamped his personality on the Soviet leadership and introduced a lifestyle that was to last only as long as he remained in office.

His first great coup came at the 20th Party Congress in February, 1956, when he launched his famous de-Stalinization campaign, the full

consequences of which are not yet in sight.

The published speeches indicated a universally agreed policy to rectify the notorious injustices of the Stalin era, to rehabilitate the innocent and to speak against the abuses of unfettered power. Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich denounced "the personality cult" of Stalin and the "one-man tyranny" as much as did Khrushchev and Mikoyan.

But there were differences of degree and method. This became clear a few days later when Moscow started buzzing with reports of a secret speech by Khrushchev in which he branded Stalin no less than a common criminal and incompetent war leader and the source of all evil since his assumption of absolute power in 1924.

Excerpts of the speech were read to thousands of gatherings of Party members and university students. Its highlights became known to me at almost the same time. Censorship killed all references to the speech although there was plenty of material in the daily newspapers about crimes connected with the personality cult.

The full text of the secret speech was never published here. It was released by the U.S. State Department on June 4 of that year. Western Communist parties suffered the embarrassment of using the American text.

The speech was a bombshell. While it encouraged many to believe the evils of the past had been uprooted and better days were in sight, a whole generation of citizens reared in the Stalin legend was shocked and traumatized.

Hot and cold

Khrushchev himself blew hot and cold on the subject — one of his many inconsistencies. Sometimes realizing he may have gone too far he would say, "we all are Stalinists." This is what he did in 1957 in a speech to students of Moscow University where he joined the visiting Mao Tse-tung in praising Stalin.

Earlier that year he managed to oust Molotov, Kaganovich, Malenkov and other far alleged "anti-party factionalism." This was when the majority of the Presidium, fed up with Khrushchev's antics and led by Molotov, tried to deprive him of the Party leadership.

It was the first time the Presidium was defied and defeated in an attempt to purge its ranks. Arguing that he had been elected to the job by the Central Committee and not by the Presidium, Khrushchev hastily called a plenary meeting at which the Presidium was overruled. The former peasant and coal-miner again outwitted such battle-scarred and sophisticated statesmen as Molotov (whom John Foster Dulles called the ablest foreign minister of our age) and came out on top — the unchallenged (as yet) ruler.

Marshal Zhukov, at the Central Committee had defended Khrushchev "on behalf of the armed forces," a persuasive position perhaps in winning over the members to support the First Secretary. But although the act elevated Zhukov to

the Presidium, the first time a professional soldier had reached such heights, it actually amounted to his political suicide.

The army had never been permitted to exercise judgments independent of the Party or to speak as a separate instrument of government. From Lenin to Leonid I. Brezhnev the Party had been aware of the possible dangers of "a man on horseback" and saw to it that policy was made by it and not the military leaders.

The divergences between Khrushchev and his associates revived talk abroad of an imminent takeover by the army especially after Zhukov, war hero number one, became a member of the Presidium.

\$100 bet

During a short trip to Cambridge in 1956 I got myself involved in a discussion with two eminent Harvard Kremlinologists who offered to bet me \$100 that within a year Zhukov would seize power and establish a military dictatorship. My reply, then: "Khrushchev can get rid of Zhukov in five minutes." Which is exactly what he did less than a year later.

Upon returning from a trip to Yugoslavia and Albania in late 1957 Zhukov was greeted at the airport with a report that he had been discharged as Defense Minister. The act was followed by a violent press campaign against the army accusing him of trying to place the army above the Party. Khrushchev successfully emulated Stalin who, too, after the war, had downgraded Zhukov and relegated him to a relatively minor provincial command. He was brought back to Moscow only after Stalin's death.

A few weeks after Zhukov's ouster Khrushchev gave me his first exclusive interview to a resident correspondent. I had had many talks with Khrushchev. I had developed a good rapport with him and could ply him with questions at diplomatic and Kremlin receptions which in the early years he attended frequently.

Often he would desert a group of ambassadors encircling him and come over to me to exchange quips and answer questions. Perhaps one of the reasons was that I was one of the few Western correspondents who spoke Russian although I did not know as many anecdotes as my interlocutor.

Since these conversations were public I shared the information with my colleagues. But I also had several private opportunities to talk with the Premier and his aides here and abroad. However, it took me two full years before I persuaded him to give me an exclusive interview.

(Next: Khrushchev's Fall: The China Break: The New Leadership)

REAL ESTATE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 — More than 11 per cent of the investment in residences in Israel last year was made by foreign Jews, mostly Americans, purchasing second homes.

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MAIMONIDES ON EDUCATION

Maimonides, the Rambam, died 768 years ago today, according to the Hebrew calendar. Renowned as Judaism's greatest religious philosopher, and as doctor and scientist, his ideas on education are less known. Here is a selection from the Rambam's educational principles, collected by Dr. William Edfant of Bar-Ilan University.



- The teacher and the improver of man's knowledge has the status of a parent.
- The unique character of the Revelation on Mt. Sinai, the pivot of the Jewish religion, should be impressed upon the minds of the children, and should be made to appeal to their imaginations.
- Speech, learning and teaching, are instruments by which to promote peace among human kind.
- The object of the Torah, which speaks in the language of man, is to serve for the instruction of the young, of women, and of the common people.
- There is no proper study or teaching without logic.
- Logic is an instrument to science.
- Logic and natural philosophy are indispensable for a true knowledge of the Torah.
- Habit and training prevent men from finding truth.
- The young learner's educational charter — if the teacher is angry with him and stomps at him — is summed up in what he may tell his teacher, "Master

It is Torah. I need to learn, and my intellectual capacities are defined."

- The learner should employ pure reason to weigh opinions and theories critically.
- Education is also interrelated with prophecy, prompting the recipient of its perfections to reach out to teach one's fellow-men.
- The teacher is a facilitator of learning.
- The teaching-learning sequence moves from the general to the more specific and detailed.
- The outcome of a philosophical - educational training and programme is a more refined intellectual and religious worship of God.

Fined for chopping down trees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT TIVON. — It cost building contractor Yisroel Brunner IL3,800 to have his workers trespass into a private garden to cut down or burn an old oak, three pine and three fruit trees in the summer of 1970. It took the law courts two years to convict the man and fine him.

The owners of the garden, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Arzheim, of Rehov Horesh, were shocked to see the destruction when they returned from abroad. Mr. Brunner was building on the adjoining plot and regarded the trees as an obstacle

to his freedom of movement, it emerged in court.

Finding him indifferent to his complaint, Mr. Arzheim instructed his attorney, Dr. Rudok Gottschalk of Haifa, to sue him.

For three consecutive mornings in late November (when the case was held) Mr. Brunner defended his act with such claims as that the J.V.F. and the complainant himself had permitted him to destroy them. Judge Gideon Shamir, of the Haifa Magistrate's Court, ordered him to pay Mrs. Arzheim (whose husband has died) IL3,800 and another IL500 in court and lawyer's fees.

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GENERAL ELECTRIC

Libya ban on flights to South Africa 'Babi Yar may be amusement park' — Javits

LONDON (Reuters). — British diplomats yesterday sought clarification from Libya about its new overlying ban on aircraft flying the routes to Southern Africa.

Notice of the ban was served to several European airlines including British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), Alitalia, Lufthansa, Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) and Belgium's National Airline, Sabena.

A BOAC spokesman said the notice was not exactly clear. It said Libyan airspace was barred to aircraft owned or registered in South Africa, Rhodesia or Portugal's African territories and to aircraft flying to or from these areas. The notice threatened reprisals against any airline breaking the ban.

WASHINGTON (INA). — Senator Jacob Javits recently told the Senate that Poland has confiscated the Low Jewish cemetery and built a park on its site, and that Babi Yar in Kiev, the mass grave of Jews and Ukrainians murdered by the Nazis, is in danger of being converted into an amusement park if no action is taken.

This was brought to his attention, he said, by the "Geder Avot" section of the World Centre of European Rabbis, which plans to build memorial houses in Israel "for the martyrs, for those who no longer have graveyards, and for the countries which were demolished (in Poland, the Soviet Union, Hungary and Czechoslovakia by the Nazis during World War II)."

Top security at All-Africa games Park re-elected

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP). — The Munich massacre has prompted heavy security, including the use of 90,000 troops and police, to control traffic and maintain order at the January 7-13 second All-Africa games.

Armed troops are currently patrolling the national stadium and guarding exits and entrances to the 320m. sports complex built especially for the games.

"We do not know all our enemies," explained Joseph Adesola, the Commissioner of Police of Lagos state, at a recent press conference. "We don't want the sort of things that marred the 1972 Munich games to happen here."

SEOUL (AP). — President Park Chung-Hee, who has been ruling South Korea since 1961, was elected yesterday to a new six-year term as President under a new constitution, which allows him to stay in power indefinitely.

His election by the National Conference for Unification — NCU, a 2,359-man electoral college — came as no surprise because there was no candidate entered besides him.

In addition, the great majority of the delegates, elected in a national election December 15, were avowed supporters of President Park.

The vote was near unanimous, with 2,357 votes for Park and two invalid.

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Elizabeth Taylor this week joined her husband Richard Burton in Rome, on the set of "Via Rosella," in which he plays the role of Nazi Colonel Kapler, who ordered the shooting of 335 Romans as reprisal for the killing of 32 Germans in Rome in 1944. (AP radiophoto)

ROME OF FACT AND FANTASY

FELLINI'S ROMA (Studio, Tel Aviv) is aptly named, for it is a very personal portrait of the city, such as only Fellini with his exuberant imagination and his feeling for the fantastic could paint. His Roma is one of sharp contrasts, presented in a series of dazzling images, "strange, contradictory," as he himself says when introducing the film, entraining the viewer.

Fellini and his cinematographer, Giuseppe Rotunno (probably the best in Europe), make a remarkable team and have created a wonderful film that is exciting, ironic, affectionate, satirical, nostalgic and most of the time visually stunning. It starts off with Fellini as a boy in Rimini looking about Rome. Then he comes to the city as a young man (played by Peter Gonzalez from Texas) at the beginning of World War II. Thereafter the form is free, a series of episodes, partly factual, partly fantasy. There is a marvellous recreation of a musical hall of 30-odd years ago with the audience shouting insults at the actors, a horrific visit to a couple of brothers of the same period, one for the poor, the other for the rich, a journey down into the metro-subway that has been building for almost a hundred years, and an extraordinary fashion show called an "Ecclesiastical Fashion Show" which begins with roller-skating priests (a quick way to the end) and ends with an ethereal float construction of human skeletons. Later Fellini briefly introduces writer Gore Vidal to talk about Rome's disintegration and Anna Magnani to typify the "aristocrat and tramp" that is Rome.

Some of the episodes such as the musical-hall scene are overlong but that is a small caveat about a film that should not be missed. S.W.

At the Cinema

European theatre producers won't come to Israel

By SEAVA SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Top-ranking European theatre producers are unlikely to come here in the near future, says Finkel, artistic director of the Hebrew Theatre. He has concluded from an official visit to Austria and Germany, that there is an unwavering reticence in Munich; people do not want to be involved publicly with us even if they do not fear for their lives," Finkel told *The Jerusalem Post*. Those to whom he suggested doing plays in Israel found one or another excuse. "We shall have to make good use of ourselves — and that is it should be," Mr. Finkel said. "That was what the Germans in Austria have been doing the few years. They are exploiting their resources to revive the theatre which once was so great in our countries. Finkel, who studied Reinhardt and played in Deutsches Theater in Berlin, is joining the Hebrew theatre, the German theatre of today is responsible for its technical audacity.

"But the age of great individuals on the stage is gone — the performers are professionally very good, but there are no outstanding figures among them." Mr. Finkel said he envied German and Austrian theatres their unreserved backing from government and public alike. The budgets are big and largely subscribed by the authorities. The public is obviously an informed one, acquainted with texts and wishing the actors success. Mr. Finkel said with a sigh — obviously covering up a reflection on the much less satisfying attitudes at home. In a nostalgic impulse, he crossed the checkpoint into East Berlin to see a performance at the Deutsches Theater. He was able to get an invitation to the premiere of Peter Flacis' *Amphytrion* — a modern and much-politicized version of the ancient myth. "The hall was full to capacity but people were stiff and rather silent. And there I sat, a complete stranger, as tense as if I were hiding among a hostile crowd in Amman."

Horror in a real setting

STRAW DOGS (Esther, Tel Aviv), which starts off with the arrival of a stranger in a remote English village peopled by suspicious locals and the usual quota of alcoholics, gradually develops into a real horror film, although the shock because of its realistic setting and acting.

Dustin Hoffman is David in a very good performance as an American mathematician who has taken a farmhouse to write a book in hopes for rural quiet and Susan George (also very good) is Amy, his English wife who has fled to the village with a girl. The intellectual, retiring David arouses ridicule while Amy arouses desire. The couple are spied on; their cat is found hanged in the wardrobe. When alone in the house one afternoon, Amy is raped by a villager with whom she had once been friendly (Peter Vaughan), a fact which she conceals from her husband. The climax comes when the couple take Henry, a mental defective (David Warner of "Morgan" fame) to their home after knocking him down with their car. Henry had last been seen going off with one of the village girls. A posse of villagers, sodden with drink, besiege the farmhouse and demand that Henry be delivered to them. "Straw Dogs" were ancient substitute sacrifices and, as the film proceeds to its sacrificial ending and David turns into a hysterical fanatic willing to risk all to defend his home and self-respect, one becomes conscious of the story as a sort of parable and of the presence of unspoken, menacing forces.

Sam Peckinpah ("The Wild Bunch") has used effective cutting to convey the growing terror and menace, and as a horror film it must rate high. Based on G.M. Williams' novel, "The Siege of Trencher's Farm."

ENTERTAINING HITCHCOCK

NORTH BY NORTHWEST (Zafon) is a remake of the 1959 Hitchcock success and, although the plot is not as good as it might be, the picture is still entertaining. In this story of mistaken identity, spies and counter-spies and funny doings at the U.N., Hitchcock puts the accent on humour, but the pursuit of the hero by a crop-dusting aeroplane and the chase over Mount Rushmore are still as exciting as they were a decade ago. And it is quite refreshing to see a thriller that has little brutality and no permissive sex. With Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, and James Mason as Mr. Vandamm. S.W.

UNKNOWN AND REFRESHING

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, George Singer, conductor; Roman Totenberg, violin. The Jerusalem Theatre, December 21, 1972. The Symphonie Marine; K. Szymanowski: Violin Concerto No. 1, opus 23; Schubert: Symphony No. 2, in G major. THE enterprising programmers presented two works never performed in Israel. If the experience was not extraordinarily exciting, at least it was most refreshing to listen to something unknown.

Jacques Ibert (1890-1962) wrote "Symphonie Marine" in 1931, although it was never performed in his lifetime and is not even listed in "Groves" of 1963. The music of the four some water effects, a lot of repetitive background motives, some chord progressions reminiscent of Dukas' "Sorcerer's Apprentice" and a few themes thrown about but never symphonically elaborated. The resulting transparency of the score can be declared as creditable.

Karol Szymanowski (1882-1937) wrote his concerto during the war years of 1915-1917 but it somehow never made the top grade for performance. It was the music of Roman Totenberg's personal collaboration with the composer which induced him to present the work, and it is good that he did not choose one of the four or five standard violin concertos in the repertoire. Two years ago, he played the Penderecki *Gopriccio* (with the Greater Boston Youth Symphony here, more as a compliment to the young players than as a personal presentation so this is really his visit on his own). The concerto, in

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one movement, is more a symphonic work with a solo violin than a concerto, as the orchestra is given more than an accompanying part, and the soloist, more often than not, weaves in and out of the complex instrumental sound. Mr. Totenberg, in possession of a beautiful Stradivarius, played his part with masterful sovereignty. Without ever trying to show off, he served the music with distinguished discretion, his elegant and superb technical resources making the most difficult passages look — and sound — easy. The presentation turned into a personal triumph for the soloist, and prolonged applause was acknowledged with an encore, Paganini's *Etude No. 24*, which further established Mr. Totenberg's brilliance and musicianship. George Singer spiritedly kept the orchestra on its toes all evening and watched over precision and sound balance in the two works. His reading of Schubert's C major Symphony preserved all its tunefulness, its subdued *joie de vivre*, but also its "heavenly length."

Medieval music

"Studio Laren" presents music and entertainment from the Middle Ages and made from the live concert in 1972 (the 17th century) (The Knights' Halls in Old Acre — December 21). Music: Henrique Ferraz, Diawiko Breckelaar, Peter van Hugen, Donald de Marzes, Jaap Visser; Pantomime: Bob van Esda. STUDIO LAREN uses period instruments of very limited sound capacity and, besides, no microphone. This restricts the choice of halls, and the group will perform during its visit to Israel in five kibbutz cultural centres and at three university auditoriums.

The meeting at the Hospitaler Knights' Halls in Old Acre was doubly fortunate as, in addition to the unique atmosphere, the first part of the programme had a direct connection with the Crusaders and their historical period. The five members of the group provided a seemingly never-ending variety of combinations as they sang and played. Each performed on three or four instruments, alternating and interchanging continuously. The pantomime provided a most welcome further dimension. Rob van Reijn gets my prize for his tasteful and humorous contributions. The pieces were well contrasted

El Al poster wins prize at Milan

LOD AIRPORT. — An El Al poster has won a silver medal at the 10th international exhibition of tourism posters held recently at Milan. It was learned here yesterday. The poster, created by the graphic artist Dan Reisinger, contains a sketch of the city of Rome with the words "El Al" worked into the background. Participating in the exhibition were government tourist departments and airlines from all over the world. (Him)



The Platters, coming this week for a month's tour of Israel.

PLATTERS DUE FOR VISIT

By JACK LEON Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — After an interval of 14 years, the popular American singing group, the Platters, are due on Monday for a return visit to Israel. The group, four men and a girl, began their month-long tour at the Hilton Hotel on New York Avenue, afterwards they will perform over the country. Platters will include old numbers in their repertoire, then evergreens like "Only The Great Pretender" and "Getta in Your Eyes," which caught them to fame in 1955 years after their formation heyday of rock 'n roll. Many of their big hits were the work of composer-manager Buck Ram, still with them today. Although several of the ensemble's members had changed in the early years, the distinctive style of relaxing music which is their hallmark remained the same for more than two decades.

A total of 16 of the Platters' long-playing records have topped the one-million mark in sales all over the world, giving them the prestigious "golden disc" status. Their latest L.P., which includes songs written for them by Bert Bacharach, as well as Buck Ram, is due for release shortly. Three members of the present group also participated in the Platters' first tour of Israel back in the mid-1950s. They are Zola Taylor, Paul Robi and Albert Lloyd Clark Jr. The other two vocalists, Edward O'Brien and Jerome Curry, joined the ensemble in 1959, and the composition of the group has remained stable since then.

The Platters, now at the beginning of an extensive overseas tour which will take them to Europe, Australia, South Africa and Latin America, will be accompanied by their "traditional" three-piece band. This consists of Great Miller on guitar, Scott Hallin, drums, and Bill Isbiter, bass.

BOB HOPE'S LAST HOW IN VIETNAM

HOUSTON (Reuters). — A chorus of "Silent Night" from a bevy of girls and several thousand servicemen ended the last of Bob Hope Christmas shows to South Vietnam after nine years. Hope himself confirmed it would be the last time he would come to South Vietnam — "It's got to be, the way that has my blood group."

Yesterday Hope received South Vietnam's highest civilian medal, Lt-Gen. Tran Van Trung presented the Kim Khanh award to Hope, on behalf of President Nguyen Van Thieu. The accompanying citation said "the talent, spirit of service and anti-Communist zeal of artist Bob Hope... will long be remembered."

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By JACK MAURICE Jerusalem Post Correspondent
BRUSSELS — Full-scale negotiations will begin early in the new year between the Common Market, Israel and other Mediterranean countries.

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The minutes of the negotiations held in Brussels last week give Israel these assurances: Israel is promised treatment as a future partner in any global policy which will be applied to the Mediterranean countries.



UP FOR AIR. — Prefabricated drydock for French nuclear submarines being built at Brest, Brittany. The dock — 167m long, 30m wide and 21m deep — is made up of precast concrete sections containing a total of 2,250 tons of steel. In the left foreground a caisson is being floated into place by tugs.

Mark-up IL140 on boots Shoe stores sued for profiteering

By DAVID KRIVINE Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent
The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has filed lawsuits against a number of retail footwear stores including some in luxury areas like Tel Aviv's Rehov Dizengoff — for profiteering.

SLOW AND SLOPPY ROAD BUILDING IN JERUSALEM

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter
For the past few years, the Roads Bureau of the Jerusalem Municipal Engineer's Department has been confronting drivers and pedestrians alike with a complex of roadblocks, ditches and detours designed to test both patience and wit.

AFFABLE NEWCOMER
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Prices, poor planning plague Egypt

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Cold wave kills fish; bananas crops affected

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The current bitter cold has killed many St. Peter's fish (Nipponia Gahicaco-amnoon) in the fish ponds in the northern part of the country.

Moshav must give member his quota of chicks

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday ordered Moshav Eshkol to give one of its members 1,400 chicks before January 1.

PUBLIC TENDER For Property Leases — YEMIN MOSHE East Jerusalem Development Ltd. announces that it is prepared to consider offers for the acquisition of long-term leases for 5 properties in Yemin Moshe, Jerusalem.

LICENSING OR JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENT SOUGHT FOR CHEMICAL AND ALLIED INDUSTRY An Australian public company, engaged in the manufacture and distribution in Australia and New Zealand of an extensive range of paints and surface and protective coatings, seeks a joint venture and licensing arrangement with an Israeli company.

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REFUGEES INTO PEOPLE

WEAT appears at first sight to be a minor story... out of Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip yesterday: the inhabitants of houses due for demolition preferred to pull down their homes by themselves...

It does, however, mark an important step forward. The people who are being moved will go into ordinary, if modest, housing for which they will pay a small sum, and pay off the rest in monthly instalments. They will also have in future to pay for water and electricity. The terms are not onerous, as there is at least one working member in each family now, and often two or more. These people will, in fact, have ceased to be "refugees" in anything but the entitlement in their UNRWA cards and become persons who have been resettled in something approaching normal circumstances.

While most of the men were happy after 1967 to be able to get work and have money in their pockets (to say nothing of

being able to move outside the narrow confines of the Gaza Strip after 20 years of virtual detention there by the Egyptian authorities), there has been sharp reluctance for any move away from the camps. The first families were moved out more than a year ago, originally when the need became urgent for security reasons to cut roads through the maze of huts and small walled courtyards at a time when the terrorists were dominating the Gaza Strip camps completely, and murders, not necessarily for political reasons, were a nightly occurrence. The first people to be moved out protested vehemently that the camp was their home. A few had made improvements to their camp houses; others had work in the area. Those who were anxious to stay discovered that their compensation would get them housing nearby if they did not want to go to El Arish, and the outcry died down rapidly. In fact the great majority of the families in the end stayed in the neighbourhood of the camp, and it was mainly young men without families who moved away.

The camps are no longer mazes where terrorists and other criminals can operate safely and unseen and their population is beginning to live a normal life. Others who have moved out have started life anew. The numbers involved are not yet enormous, but such practical steps are the only effective way to end this refugee misery. No grandiose, proclaimed scheme would have been accepted, for they would have brought into being political opposition and counter-attacks. In Rafah, human beings are being dealt with on an individual basis, and there is some prospect of success.

STATISTICS: WHOM SHALL WE BELIEVE?

By MOSHE ATER, Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

SELDOM have statistics been so abused, and economists so maligned, as in the current discussion about whether real wages went up or down in 1971. A survey published last week found that the average income of wage-earners' families increased less than the cost of living, so that the real income declined by nine tenths of one per cent.

A change of this extent may well fall within the margin of error, in sampling or in technique. It must therefore be treated with due caution. It can be considered significant only if corroborated by other evidence, which was not presented in this case. Moreover, the data refer to a period a year ago, before the start of the current round of re-negotiating of wages and increase of employees' incomes, and is therefore of little current relevance.

Nevertheless, this finding was used by the Histadrut's Secretary-General to blast economists and government spokesmen for misleading the public into believing that wages could rise excessively. If the wage average declined, families in the lower income brackets must have been doubly affected. Mr. Ben-Aharon charged, announcing a new drive for urgent wage adjustments. In the ensuing debate statistical hairsplitting was resorted to by both sides, with the man-in-the-street tending to disbelieve both.

of living in 1971, but it also found that income from other sources declined slightly, more than offsetting the wage gain.

Income from self-employment, property, support, and from earnings of "other family members" remained stationary, while wives' earnings dropped 8 per cent in absolute terms, i.e. 20 per cent if the rise in wages is taken into account. Since these subsidiary sources account for about one quarter of an average wage-earner's family income, the 10 per cent rise in the aggregate cost of living must have made itself felt.

It turns out that the drop has nothing to do with the general wage level, and does not indicate that wages lagged behind the price advance. On the contrary, the decline in subsidiary wage-income was the result of higher incomes and better living standards which allowed workers to dispense with sending their wives and children to earn more money.

The efforts now being made to attract women — in particular housewives — to outside work show that demand in this field by far exceeds supply, and the decline in earnings must have been voluntary. In the administered territories the number of female workers registered with the labour exchanges has declined significantly owing to the prosperity prevailing there. Among Jewish workers, the share of wives' earnings in family income has always been bigger in western families. It is small wonder that it tends to decline as earnings rise, and that this trend is gaining ground when people can afford it.

When properly understood the statistics thus prove just the opposite of Mr. Ben-Aharon's

charges. But that is not the end of the story. The survey has also revealed that income differentials among wage-earners decreased in 1971. The Lorenz indicator of inequality dropped to less than 0.3, the lowest figure since 1964.

The relation between incomes of big and average families also continued to improve, both per family and per capita. The advance in incomes of families from Oriental communities was bigger than that of families hailing from the West. The progress towards equality may not have been sufficient, but it was in the right direction. In any case these statistics did not expose anything wrong.

Obviously, the allegations were made for a purpose — in order to generate dissatisfaction, and gain popular support for another wage hike — now labelled "cost-of-living allowance" and therefore tax-free — which will drive monetary inflation one step further.

But quite apart from the statistical misunderstanding involved, it may be worthwhile to ponder the background of the debate on the income figures. Let us assume — for the sake of reasoning — that workers' incomes did drop slightly in the past year, under the impact of the price rise caused by the last devaluation. Would this have been a disaster or a steady win which must be denied or adjusted regardless of cost? Are people's living standards sacrosanct, even when an unpleasant step — say, a devaluation — is deemed necessary for the sake of the national economy? Is such a step wrong, even when it has been followed by a spectacular rise in living standards, like that today?

THE OTHER CHRISTMAS

FAR beyond the pilgrimages gathering thousands of people of many tongues and races at Bethlehem, far beyond the Midnight Mass and the bright folk-lore dear to the hearts of little children all over Christendom — there is another aspect of the holiday — the drama of the first Christmas.

A drama, yes, and not because the hotels and inns were full, not because the child was born on humble straw, between ox and donkey as we are told.

The Jewish writer and poet Sholem Asch was perhaps the only one who has written so-called lives of Jesus to point to the true drama, then, when this day in Israel was a plain working day, as it is now...

The text of the Gospel tells us that the child was conceived of the Holy Spirit, so to say a kind

of biblical pathogenesis, the girl Miriam being betrothed to Joseph. The religious laws and precepts then were strict in such cases. If the man refused to acknowledge paternity the future mother was rejected by the community. She could even be sentenced to death. By acknowledging paternity Joseph saved Miriam.

Many then, in Nazareth, mocked "that good Joseph," and since then men have cracked silly and vulgar jokes, in all kinds of languages, even in Hebrew, on some Israeli stage...

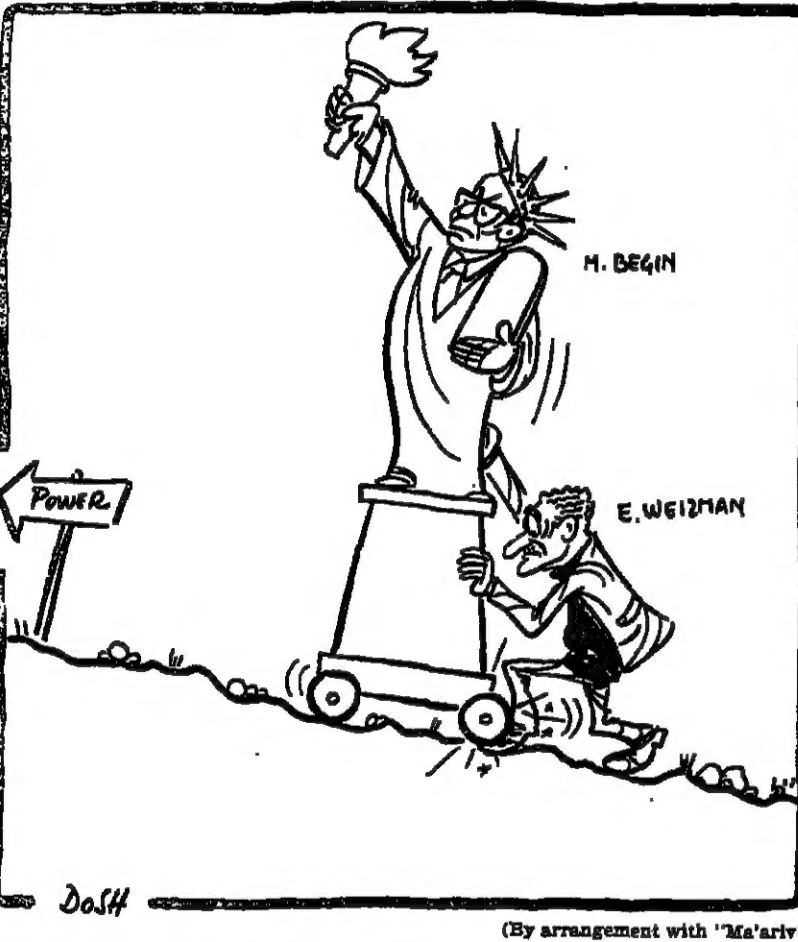
We can imagine the trials endured by the whole family, by Jesus himself, by the Mother. "Jesus the bastard! Jesus the messiah!"

But for all in Christendom who still do believe that in this Yeshua of Nazareth, two natures mysteriously meet: the Servant

of the Lord, and the Son of Man mentioned in the book of Daniel, Christmas, this very first Christmas, carried the message of our common God meeting really man in misery, pain and humiliation. Not one single "bastard" remains beyond His gracious and loving care.

Christmas again, when countless men are in despair and suffering, all over the earth, when again hypocritical "truces" stop monstrous murdering for 24 little hours...

How precious to know that this first Christmas of old again heralds, in Jerusalem, far beyond pilgrimages and tourist folk-lore, the everlasting Christmas promise to this planet, when the messianic Prince, expected by both Jews and Christians, appears in Jerusalem, to establish the true justice and the true peace of God's Kingdom. CLAUDE DUVERNOY



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East Germany's debt

Ha'aretz (non-party) calls upon Israel and Jewish organizations in the Diaspora to employ diplomatic and propaganda means in order to induce East Germany to fulfil its share in the payment of reparations to victims of the Nazis. The paper suggests that now that East Germany is receiving international recognition, it should be required to pay its debt for the crimes of Nazi Germany, "as did West Germany with such exactitude." Davar (Histadrut), referring to rumours concerning an improvement in relations between Israel and France, writes: "Great caution should be exercised, since similar rumours have been disproven in the past, and so far there is no indication that the latest reports are true. At the same time, there is an innovation in the fact that this time it is the French who are the

initiators of these rumours, and not Israelis voicing their hidden thoughts. While France may be interested in improving the atmosphere, there is still a long way to go before achieving a meaningful change. However, even an improvement in the atmosphere should not be betitted." Al Hanihshar (Mapam) comments on the rumours that Rumania has tried to mediate between Israel and China. Regretting the reported lack of success of such attempted mediation, the paper calls upon China to emulate Rumania, which maintains good relations with both Israel and the Arab states. Omer (Histadrut) calls upon world public opinion to exert great pressure on the Syrian Government to permit the departure of Syrian Jews and desist from their persecution.

Readers' letters

City rates on high-rise flats

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The controversy over the high-rise flats here reminds me of a similar situation which arose in one of the London boroughs several years ago. Overriding the objections of the Borough Council, a developer had obtained building permission for a high block of flats. The Borough Council decided that the land could be put to use for other purposes and issued a compulsory purchase order, whereupon the developer entered the usual inflated compensation claim based upon the enormous potential profits expected from that (as yet unbuilt) block of flats. The Borough Council then agreed to withdraw the compulsory purchase order but said that, when completed, the block of flats would be assessed for municipal rates according to the estimate of values furnished by the developer himself. On that news, the developer was happy to recover his outlay only from the Borough Council and acquire less objectionable rights elsewhere. It is not requisite that a public nuisance should be offensive to everyone. It is sufficient if a sizable number of people judge it so. In this light, the proposed high-rise blocks in Jerusalem undoubtedly amount to a public nuisance, in which case there are good grounds for acting immediately to annul whatever errors of omission or commission may have been made, and not wait until building actually commences. Finally I suggest that special attention should in any case be given to the municipal rating assessments on the high-rise flats, so as to take into account the extraordinarily high prices being demanded and paid, and the upkeep charges. There is no doubt that high-rise blocks do cast disproportionately high burdens on the authorities, which are only doubtfully recovered through uniform scales of rates. It may be that faced with realistic rating assessments, the developers of proposed objectionable blocks will of their own accord agree to modify their schemes and in doing so, avoid the further ruination of the municipal scene. I. ENGLEMAN Jerusalem, November 30.

'UNDER THE WHITE PAPER'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your commemorative issue of December 7 was of great general interest indeed, but my wife and I were especially fascinated at the realization that the copy of Daphna Trevor's "Under the White Paper," which we possess since 1948, is a true collector's item. I do not recollect exactly how we acquired it, but it is most likely that it was a gift to me from the late Mr. S. Tolukowsky, with whom I had close connection at that time. At any rate, it was certainly on our shelves at the time of the Declaration of Independence, as we vividly remember using quotations from it to great triumph. It had escaped our notice entirely, the whole edition was destroyed at the time of the explosion at The Post; we regarded it up till now as just one of the many Palestiniania which we have. As there are so few copies in existence, I am writing this to let you know where one is to be found, for possible future reference. S.S. ABRAMOV, M.K. Tel Aviv, December 10.

The origins of 'Mayim, mayim'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Dora Sowden's very interesting report about folk dance (December 3) and permit myself to refresh the memory of "the mother of folk dance" and state that I created the dance, "Mayim, mayim" and staged it together with Yehuda Sharet on the occasion of the water festival at Na'an when water was found there after a seven-year search. We took this dance to many kibbutzim in the Emek and Jordan Valley in the late 'thirties and from then on it was adopted by many more kibbutzim around the country. I was also present at the first dance festival at Dalia in 1944 and at that time I pointed out to Gurit Kadman (whose life work for the development of folk dance I appreciate very much) that my name was missing from the printed programme of the dances performed there. Her answer was that this was a great compliment to me, since the first Israeli folk dance was born thus, i.e. when the choreographer becomes anonymous. At the time, I accepted this compliment at its face value, so you can imagine my surprise to read that Gurit Kadman had said she did this dance at Dalia. ELSE J. DUBLIN Jerusalem, December 7. Dora Sowden comments: Since my article appeared, Gurit Kadman has written to me, praising

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